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CHAPTER 12: THE VALLEY THAT THE VOICE OF GOD CALLS

I have a blog! I post things about my everyday life and news about my work. Please check it out! Comments (and web claps) are always welcome!♥

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...will live happy lives.
I pray that every-one...
IT'S MY JOB TO SHARE THE VOICE OF GOD WITH EVERYONE.
GOD GIVES ME INFORMATION ABOUT ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING OUT IN THE WORLD.
SO YOU KNEW I'D BE COMING HERE?
SURE DID.
I pray that everyone enjoys good health.
Hurry up and get changed.
You're still covered in mud.
IT'S NOT MUCH OF A JOB. YOU DON'T EVEN MAKE ANY MONEY.
ALL YOU DO IS PRAY ALL DAY.
ALL THAT FISHY TALK ABOUT THE "VOICE OF GOD" IS WHAT GOT YOU GUYS KICKED OUT OF THE TEMPLE.
Every-one...
FWISH
Wipe yourself off with this.
WHY WERE YOU KICKED OUT?
WAIT, WHAT?

YOU *LIVED* IN THE PALACE, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW?
...
...IGNORANT ABOUT THINGS THAT WENT ON IN THE PALACE ITSELF...
NGH ...
HAK!
I'M EVEN...

HAK...
THE FEVER WON'T BREAK FOR A WHILE, BECAUSE HE HAD AN OPERATION.
THE WORST SHOULD BE OVER AFTER TONIGHT.
NO...
DON'T DIE!
OH, HAK ...
OUT OF THE WAY. HE'S GOT A FEVER.
No surprise, with those injuries.
PLEASE SAVE HIM!
UH, THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE ON ME.
BUT I'M NOT A DOCTOR.
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST ASSUME I'D HELP.
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN THANKED ME FOR SAVING YOU.

TAP
HE NEARLY DIED PROTECTING YOU.
HAVE YOU EVEN THANKED *HIM*?
HE'LL...
...COME BACK.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
DEATH ISN'T HERE FOR HIM TODAY.

...I CAN'T STAND...
...ROYALTY AND THE NOBILITY.
BE NICE TO HER. YUN.
BUT...
...BATTLES OF HER OWN.
...FIGHTING...
SHE'S...
GRIND
GRIND
UM...

COULD YOU PLEASE TEACH ME...
GRIND GRIND
...ABOUT PRIESTS?
THANK YOU...
...FOR SAVING ME.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU...
AND I DON'T WANT TO STAY IGNORANT...
FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT A PRIEST.
I JUST LOOK AFTER IK-SU SINCE HE'S TOO MUCH OF A FLAKE TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.

Hello! I'm Mizuho Kusanagi, and this is volume 3 of *Yona of the Dawn*!

Thank you for picking this book up. We've finally reached the third volume! I'd like to thank those tenacious readers who have been following the series since the very first chapter. (Smile)

There's a new development (?) unfolding in *Yona*! I hope you'll keep reading! Yona cut her hair off. It was a popular move with most readers. I like it when girls have bobbed or short hair.♡ I always notice when celebrities or girls in hair magazines wear their hair short. Yona feels good about having cut hers.

THAT'S RIGHT. THE PRIESTS WERE REVERED AS SERVANTS OF GOD.
THEY WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN NATIONAL MATTERS AND POLITICS.
SOME-TIMES THEY DECIDED HOW WARS WOULD PLAY OUT...
...OR EVEN BROUGHT DOWN KINGS.
THEY JUSTIFIED IT AS THE WRATH OF GOD.
OBVIOUSLY, THE KING RESENTED THE EXTENT OF THEIR INFLUENCE.
WHEN KING IL'S FATHER, JU-NAM, WAS KING, KOHKA WAS ANNEXING OTHER COUNTRIES' TERRITORIES.
A LOT OF THAT WAS PRINCE YU-HON'S DOING.
THE PRIESTS WERE A THREAT TO THE THRONE'S POWER, AND YU-HON NEEDED THEM OUT OF THE WAY.
SO THAT'S WHY MY UNCLE GOT RID OF THEM...
IT MUST BE TOUGH LIVING IN SUCH A DESOLATE PLACE.
IT'S NOT.
I DON'T LIKE DEALING WITH PEOPLE ...
...AND IK-SU FINDS IT RELAXING HERE.

THE TOWNS ARE PACKED WITH POOR PEOPLE. A FEW FOLKS IN THE CAPITAL...
...ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO'RE WELL-OFF.
IK-SU'S TOO TENDER-HEARTED.
HE WANTS TO HELP EVERY-ONE...
...BUT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
AND THAT DEPRESSES HIM.
HE'S COMPLETELY HELPLESS WITHOUT ME.
THANK YOU.
PLEASE ...
TELL ME MORE LATER.

...HAK.
HURRY AND GET WELL...
JOLT
HAK'S GONE!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUFF
TRIP
SPLAT
HAK
...

KLAK
HAK, YOU STUPID —!
HUH. I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT.

YOU'RE SITTING OUT HERE IN THE DARK...
...AND *INSULTING* ME?
AFTER I MADE A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY?
GUESS YOU'RE DOING FINE THEN.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM?
I WOULDN'T CRY ABOUT THAT!
OH NO?
WHERE WERE YOU?
I WENT LOOKING FOR MY GLAIVE.
THEN YOU SHOULD'VE WOKEN ME UP!
I SEE.

YOU CAN'T SLEEP BY YOURSELF, HUH?
YOU NEED ME RIGHT BESIDE YOU?
Here I am!
YOU DUMMY!
YOU'RE HURT! HOW COULD YOU LEAVE?!
Still with the insults?
YOU... YOU GOT INJURED SO BADLY...
YOU'RE SO RECK-LESS...
DON'T GO OFF...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DIE!
...WITH-OUT TELLING ME.

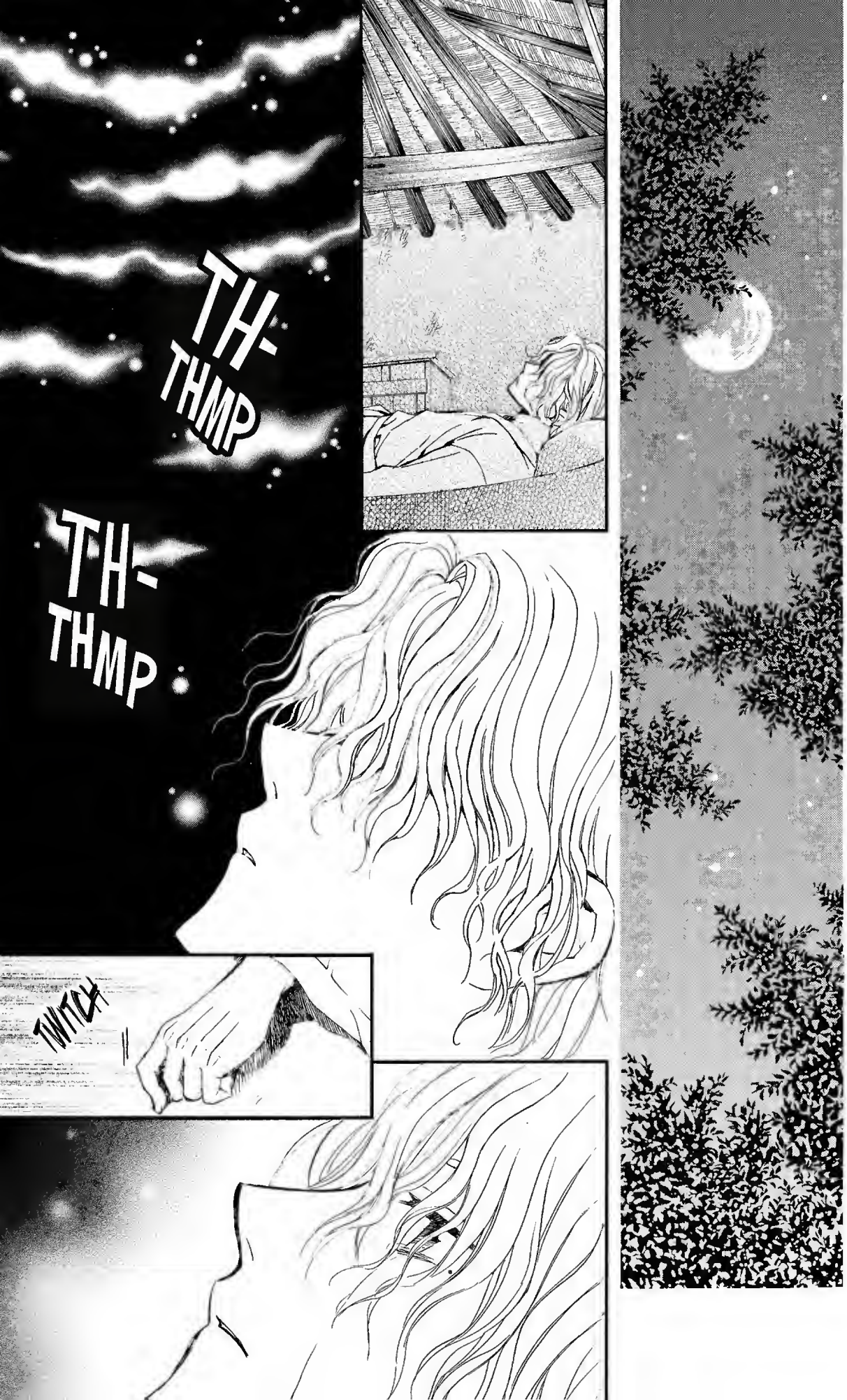
I NEED YOU...
...RIGHT HERE WITH ME.
YOU'RE ...
...MAKING ME WANNA DIE.

HUH?
ALL THOSE TEARS ON YOUR HOMELY FACE...
...ARE GETTING TO ME.
IT MAKES ME...
...WANT TO DIE...
...SO I CAN SEE...
...HOW HARD...
...YOU'LL CRY *THEN.*

BONK
IF YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO, YOU COULD'VE JUST MOVED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I WANTED TO CHECK YOUR FEVER, BUT I HEAD-BUTTED YOU INSTEAD.
DID I MISS SOME-THING?
N-NOPE. THIS FEVER'S MAKING ME ACT WEIRD.
BUT IT'S NOT AS BAD AS BEFORE.
This is silly.

I'M SO SORRY.
YOUR HAIR...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
MY HEAD FEELS LIGHTER!
IT'S FINE.
AND ANYWAY...
TUG
I'VE ALWAYS ...
... HATED IT...
"WELL, I THINK...
"...YOUR HAIR'S WONDERFUL."
RUSTLE

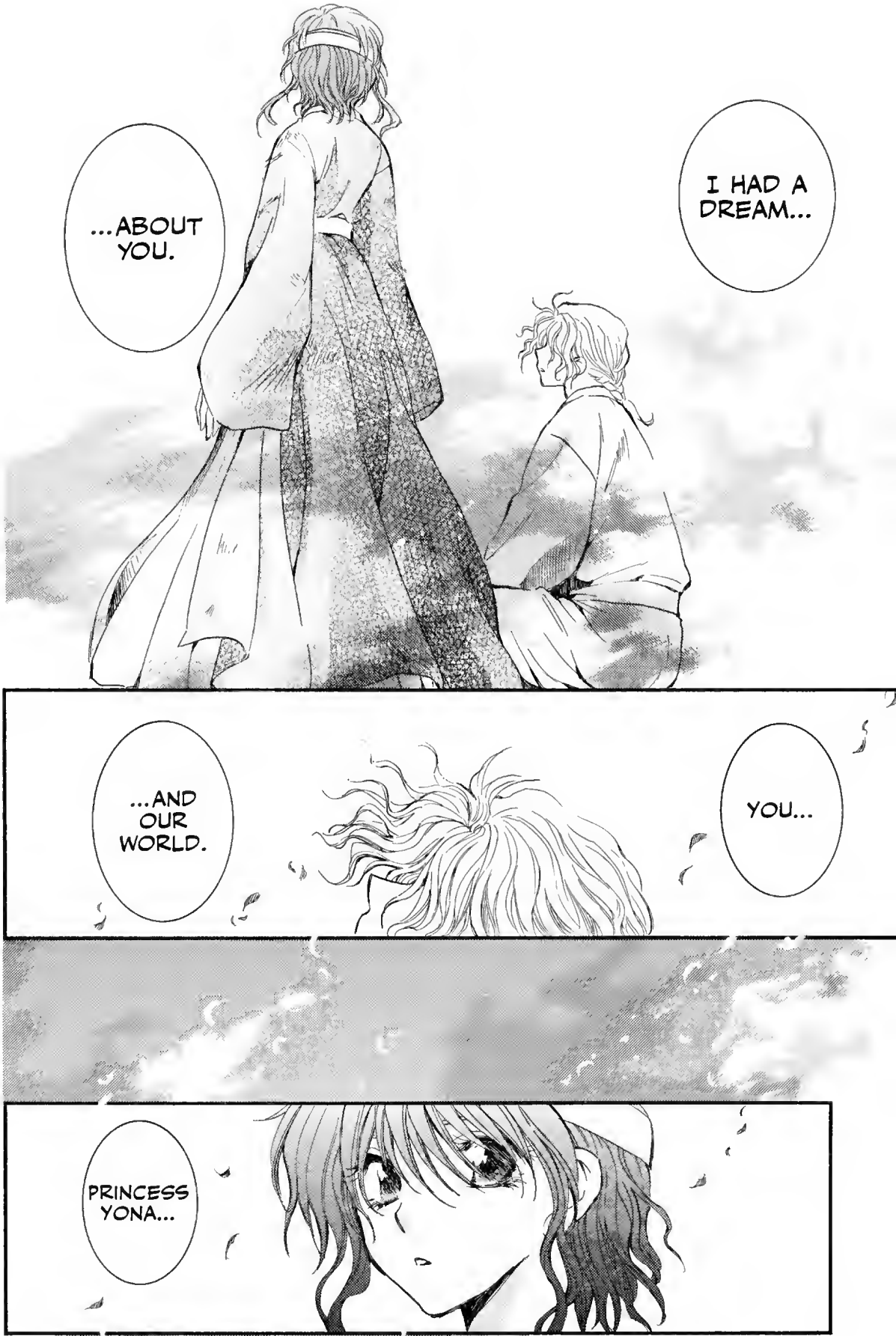
BESIDES, IT LOOKS FINE...
...DOESN'T IT?
"I NEED YOU RIGHT HERE WITH ME."
YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOUR HEAD'S NOTHING SPECIAL ...
...BUT YOUR HAIR LOOKS NICE.
I'M GONNA SEW YOUR MOUTH SHUT.
SHE TALKS LIKE IT'S NOTHING.
BUT EVEN THOUGH HER HAIR'S TOO SHORT TO PUT UP NOW...
...SHE'S STILL...
...CLINGING TO THAT HAIRPIN.


TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP
TWITCH

MNCH
MNCH
THIS PLACE? Seriously?
HUH? A PRIEST'S HOUSE?
HEY!
...I PICTURED A PRIEST'S HOUSE AS MORE LIKE A SHRINE.
I GET THAT HE'S IN HIDING HERE, BUT...
WOW, WHAT AN AMAZING COINCI-DENCE.
YEAH.
YOINK MNCH
MNCH
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I WONDER WHERE HE WENT...
I'M NOT A PRIEST!
How are you so lively?!
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD PRIEST.
DON'T JUST DIG IN WITHOUT PERMIS-SION!

UM... SIR PRIEST?

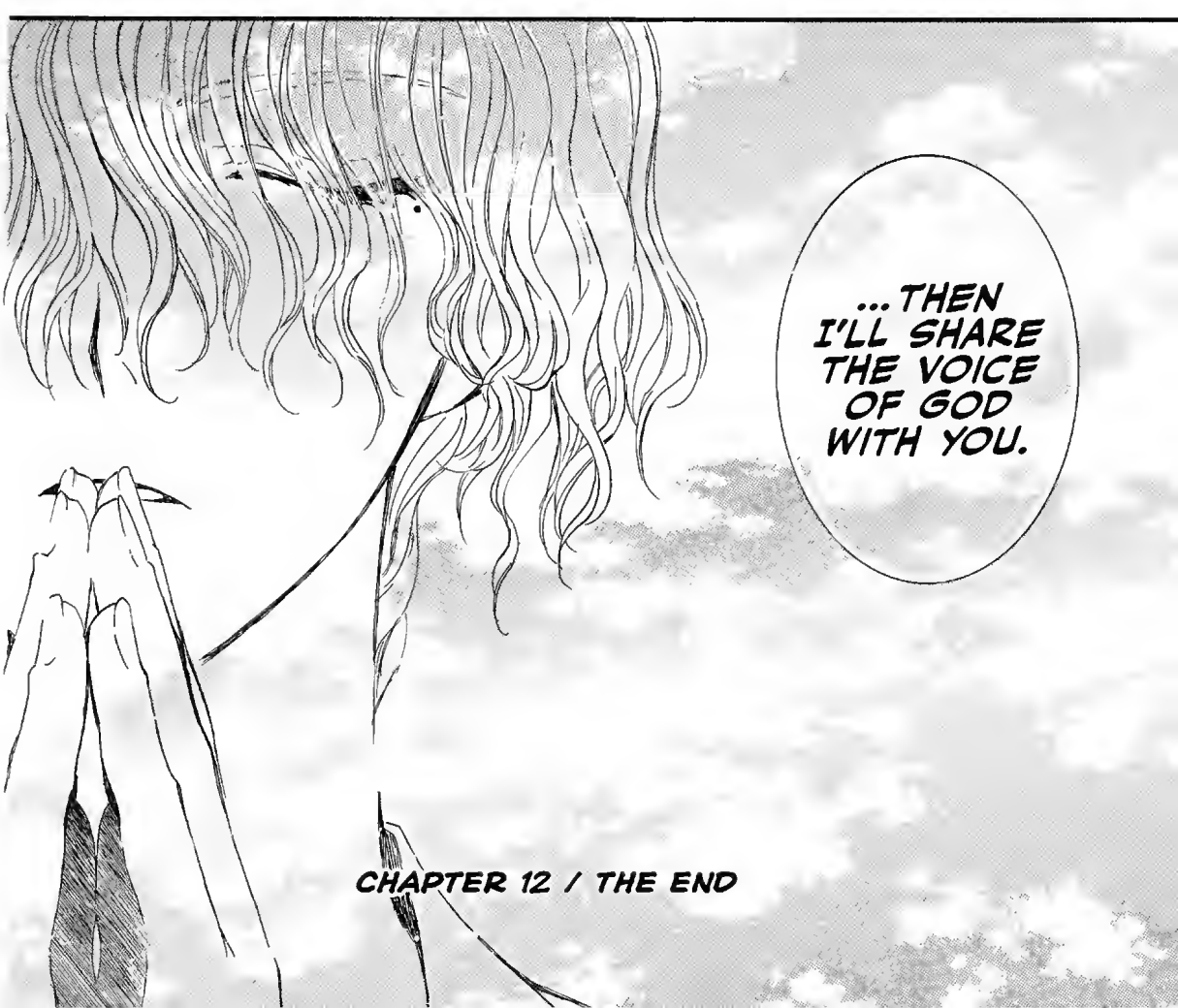
SNIFFLE
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH...
SNIFFLE


I HAD A DREAM...
...ABOUT YOU.
YOU...
...AND OUR WORLD.
PRINCESS YONA...

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR...
...THE VOICE OF GOD?
...
MUN-DEOK TOLD ME...
...TO FIND A PRIEST WHO'D SHOW ME WHAT PATH TO TAKE.
IS THAT PATH...
...WHAT YOU WANT TO SHOW ME?

I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO STAY PUT AND NOT DO ANYTHING.
BUT I WAS HUNTED DOWN.
HAK WAS ALMOST KILLED...
...AND I ALMOST DIED TOO.
MY BLOOD...
...BEGAN TO BURN.
IT GOT SO HOT THAT I FELT LIKE IT WAS GOING TO BOIL.
I CAN STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET.

I WANTED TO *LIVE.*
I WASN'T GOING TO LET ANY-ONE...
...TAKE AWAY MY LIFE, OR HAK'S.
THAT'S ALL I WISH FOR RIGHT NOW.
SO I DON'T SEE MUCH POINT IN ASKING GOD...
NO.
YOUR IDEA OF LIVING...
...IS NOT A LIFE OF PEACE.
RUSTLE
FOR *YOU*...
...LIVING MEANS CALLING UP A STORM ...
...THAT WILL SHAKE KOHKA TO ITS VERY FOUNDA-TIONS.



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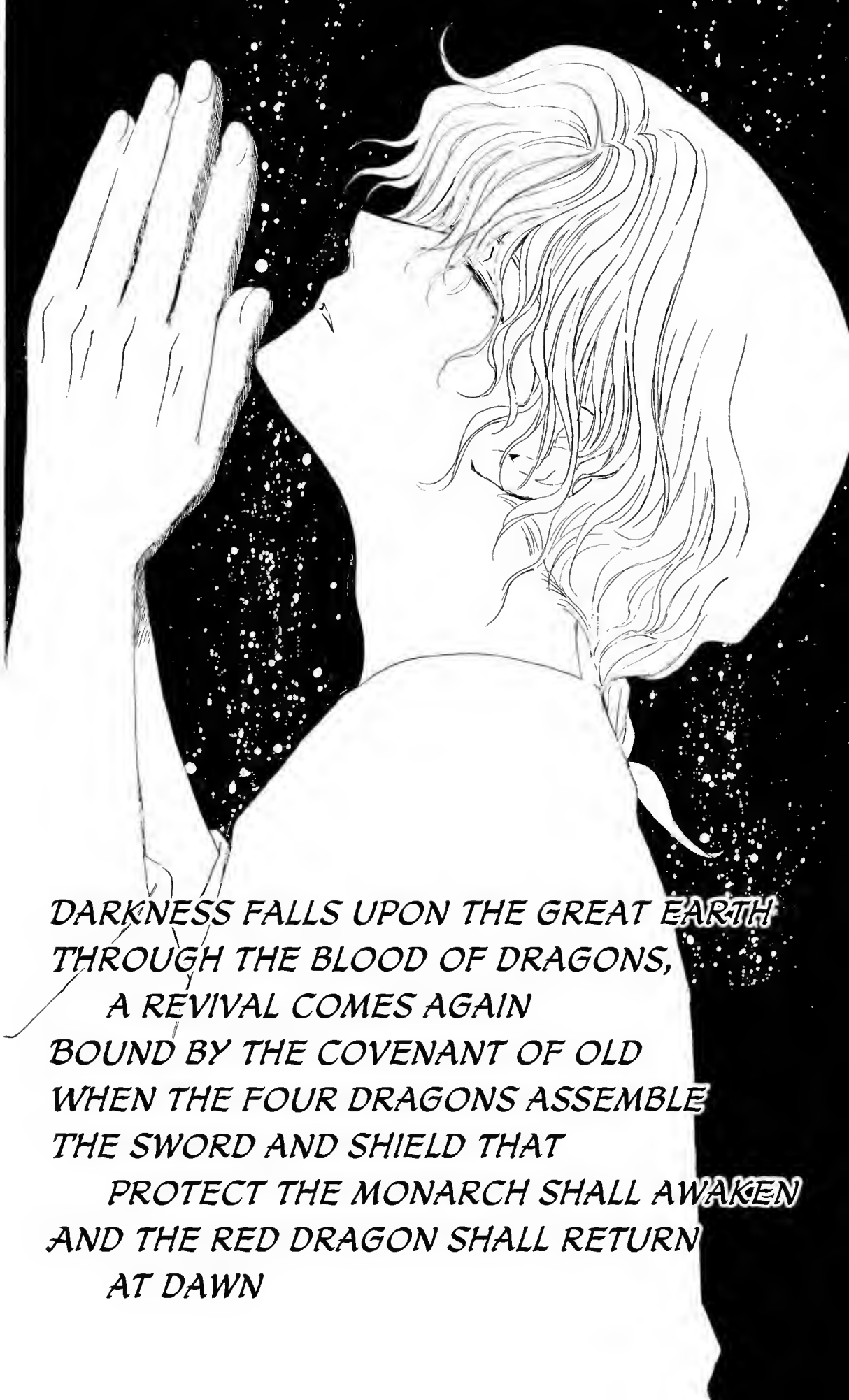
CHAPTER 13:
FATE


DARKNESS FALLS UPON THE GREAT EARTH
THROUGH THE BLOOD OF DRAGONS,
A REVIVAL COMES AGAIN
BOUND BY THE COVENANT OF OLD
WHEN THE FOUR DRAGONS ASSEMBLE
THE SWORD AND SHIELD THAT
PROTECT THE MONARCH SHALL AWAKEN
AND THE RED DRAGON SHALL RETURN
AT DAWN

...
?!
TOPPLE
IT...IT'S MENTALLY EXHAUSTING... TO CHANNEL THE VOICE OF GOD...
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE SO DECREPIT. WHAT A PAIN.
"DRAGONS" THIS, "GODS" THAT...
PROD
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
NONE OF IT MAKES ANY SENSE.
RMBL
Pots?
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, I'M STILL NOT BUYING YOUR POTS.
WE'RE NOT SELLING ANY.
IS THE "RED DRAGON" ...
...IN THIS PROPHECY THE SAME AS THE KING FROM THE LEGENDS?
YOU KNOW THE LEGEND OF THIS NATION'S FOUNDING?
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
YES.

IN THE STORY, THE CRIMSON DRAGON GOD BECAME A HUMAN AND DESCENDED TO EARTH FROM THE HEAVENS TO RULE THIS KINGDOM.
IT'S THE TALE OF THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING, THE FIRST KING OF KOHKA.
MY FATHER USED TO TELL ME THAT STORY.
THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING BECAME HUMAN, BUT HE EVENTUALLY HAD TO GO TO WAR AGAINST OTHER HUMANS.
EVIL FILLED PEOPLE'S HEARTS. THEY TURNED AWAY FROM THE GODS, AND THE NATION FELL INTO RUIN.
THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY HUMANS WHO WANTED POWER.
BUT THEN, JUST AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO DESTROY HIM...

...FOUR DRAGONS DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS.
"CRIMSON DRAGON...
"WE'VE COME FOR YOU, CRIMSON DRAGON.
"THE HUMANS HAVE FORGOTTEN FAITH, LOVE AND YOUR TEACHINGS. DESTROY THEM, AND LET US RETURN TO THE HEAVENS."

"NO. I TOO AM HUMAN NOW.
HOWEVER, THE CRIMSON DRAGON WAS NOT PERSUADED.
"EVEN IF HUMANS HATE OR BETRAY ME...
"...I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE THEM."

THE DRAGONS LOVED THE CRIMSON DRAGON AND DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE HIM.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIM, THE BLUE, GREEN, YELLOW AND WHITE DRAGONS...
...GAVE THEIR BLOOD TO SEVERAL HUMAN WARRIORS...
...THUS BESTOWING GREAT POWERS UPON THEM.
TO ONE WAS GIVEN SHARP CLAWS THAT COULD TEAR THROUGH ANYTHING.
TO ONE WAS GIVEN EYES THAT COULD SEE A GREAT DISTANCE.
TO ONE WAS GIVEN A BODY IMPERVIOUS TO INJURY.
AND TO ONE WAS GIVEN LEGS THAT COULD LEAP HIGH INTO THE SKY.
"YOU ARE NOW EXTENSIONS OF US.
"YOU MUST SERVE THE CRIMSON DRAGON. YOU MUST PROTECT AND LOVE HIM ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIVES AND NEVER BETRAY HIM."
THE WARRIORS WHO GAINED THE POWER OF THE DRAGON GODS TOOK COMMAND OF THEIR TRIBES...
...PROTECTED THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING...
...AND QUELLED THE UNREST IN THE LAND.
AND EVENTUALLY ...

...AND THE DUTY OF THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS CAME TO AN END.
...EXHAUSTED FROM MANY BATTLES, THE CRIMSON DRAGON FELL ASLEEP...
EVEN THEY THEMSELVES DID NOT KNOW.
OR WAS THE BLOOD OF THE DRAGON GODS WITHIN THEM GRIEVING THE DEATH OF THE CRIMSON DRAGON?
DID THEY WEEP FOR THE LOSS OF SOMEONE SO DEAR TO THEM?
THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS SHED TEARS FOR THEIR MOTIONLESS KING.

It's a lot of fun to draw Yun and Ik-su. And their hair is easy to draw since it's white. (Laughs)

In my previous series, *NG Life*, I used tone to color the hero's hair...and it was just awful. I told myself I'd never, ever use tone to color my protagonist's hair again! It was a good theory, but in order to get the "redness" I wanted for my heroine's hair, I had to use tone. And to make things worse, it's frizzy hair, which is tricky to apply tone to. It reduces my assistants to tears. Sorry...

I thought it would be a little easier after she cut her hair, but that was a delusional hope.

He got up.

YES.
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN.
IF YOU LEAVE HERE, MORE PEOPLE WILL TRY TO TAKE YOUR LIFE.
BUT WHAT DOES THE LEGEND HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO LIVE, RIGHT?
BUT AT THIS RATE...
...AT YOUR SIDE SUPPORTING YOU...
YOU HAVE LORD HAK...
...HE'LL LOSE HIS LIFE.

HANG ON A SEC.
DON'T GO KILLING ME OFF.
I CAN'T HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD...
... BUT ...
THUP
...YOU CAN'T SCARE US INTO GIVING YOU... ...ANY... OFFERINGS...
There, you see?
THE SITUA-TION IS DIRE.
TO SURVIVE, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED ALLIES.
LIKE WHO?
SEARCH FOR THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS.

THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS FROM THE LEGENDS?! THEY'RE STILL AROUND?!
OH, COME ON. THEY'RE FROM THE AGE OF MYTHS.
THEY DO EXIST.
TO THIS VERY DAY, THEY LIVE IN THIS KINGDOM...
...IN SECRET.
THEY STILL CARRY THE BLOOD PASSED DOWN TO THEM FROM THE DRAGONS.
THEY WILL SURELY STAND WITH YOU.
BUT WHY WOULD LEGENDARY DRAGONS HELP ME WITH SUCH PERSONAL TROUBLES?
I DON'T WANT HAK TO DIE!
SIR PRIEST...

YOU MIRACULOUSLY EVADED DEATH ON THAT HORRIBLE NIGHT.
YOU MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED FROM THE PALACE.
YOU FELL OFF A CLIFF...
...AND MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED.
"MIRACULOUS" IS NO LONGER THE RIGHT WORD.
IT WAS *FATE* THAT LED YOU HERE.
THAT'S WHAT I TRULY BELIEVE.
IF YOU FIND THE FOUR LEGENDARY DRAGONS...
...IT WON'T BE BECAUSE OF YOUR PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES ...
...BUT BECAUSE IT IS FATE.

BUT HEAVEN CAN ONLY SHOW YOU THE PATH.
YOU MUST CHOOSE TO WALK IT.
SLUMP
I'M EXHAUSTED FROM ALL THIS TALKING ...
Honestly...
GODS AND OLD PEOPLE TALK TOO MUCH.

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
PRINCESS
—
SHOVE
NO! GET SOME SLEEP!
GUH!
I'M NOT GONNA DIE.
GOT IT?
...
I'M ALL BETTER NOW.

AND THEN WHAT?
THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN EXIST.
EVEN IF THEY DO, WHO KNOWS IF THEY'RE FRIENDLY?
WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT IF IT HAPPENS.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK HERE.
I WANT TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MOVE FORWARD.
I WANT TO BE STRONGER!
HAK...
I WANT TO MEET THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE...
...THE BLOOD OF THE FOUR DRAGONS.

TEACH ME...
...HOW TO USE...
...A SWORD ...
...OR A BOW.
I'LL MASTER IT.

I HATE THE THOUGHT OF DYING FROM SOMETHING I COULD HAVE AVOIDED ...
...BUT LOSING YOU WOULD BE EVEN WORSE.

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...
...TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO ACQUIRE A GOD'S POWER.
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT GONNA DIE.
BUT...
...IF THAT'S YOUR WILL...

...THEN LET'S...
...GAMBLE ON FATE.
YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD BOY LATELY.
Good job.
COULD YOU GIVE ME SOME SPACE?
HOW COME?
...
BECAUSE YOU'RE ANNOY-ING.
WHAT?!
EXCUSE ME.

UH-HUH.
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION?
THERE'S A FAVOR I'D LIKE TO...
...ASK OF YOU TWO.

WOW!
DID YOU MAKE THESE CLOTHES, YUN?
I HAD SOME SPARE FABRIC LYING AROUND.
I KNOW IT'S NOT AS FANCY AS SILK, BUT IT SHOULD STILL BE BETTER THAN THOSE...
...RAGS YOU WERE WEARING.
THIS IS AN INTER-ESTING STYLE.
I LIKE IT!
Interesting style?
LEND ME SOME KIND OF CUTTING TOOL.
I WANT TO TRIM MY HAIR.
HEFT
WITH THAT?!

Come on, sit still.
THANKS.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, YUN.
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND PRIN-CESSES.
HONESTLY, CAN YOU DO ANY-THING?
I DIDN'T ASK ABOUT THAT.
MY ONLY FLAW IS I'M TOO PRETTY.
AND I'M AN AMAZING COOK.
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING HURT, SO I LEARNED MEDICINE.
WELL, I'VE GOT THIS PRIEST TO LOOK AFTER.
AND DESPITE SAYING HOW MUCH YOU HATE ROYALTY...
...YOU TRIMMED MY HAIR.
IK-SU IS TOO.
HUH?
YOU'RE ALSO AWFULLY KIND.

um...
Send the bill to Mun-deok!
He'll send it right back.
HE'S A WIND TRIBE HERO!
MUN-DEOK ?!
For the medical treatment, the clothes, the haircut...
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M CHARGING YOU.
MUN-DEOK RANKS UP WITH YU-HON AS THE MOST POWERFUL GENERAL EVER!
YOU'RE SO STUPID!
MUN-DEOK IS A HERO?
THERE ARE TONS OF BOOKS I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF.
It's annoying.
BUT THERE'RE SO MANY BOOKS OUT THERE, AND I'VE READ SO FEW.
YOU REALLY KNOW EVERYTHING, HUH?
I AUTO-MATI-CALLY MEMO-RIZE EVERY-THING I READ.
CAN'T HELP IT. I'M A GENIUS.

YUN, LISTEN ...
BUT IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I CAN KEEP COLLECT-ING A FEW AT A TIME.
FOR NOW...
...THIS RATTY OLD BOOK IS ALL I NEED.
WHAT'S THAT BOOK?
THAT IDIOT IK-SU SAID THAT HE DUG THROUGH THE TRASH TO GET IT FOR ME, AND IT TORE WHEN HE TRIPPED OVER THIN AIR.
He sure sounds clumsy.
PRETTY SILLY, Y'KNOW?
ALL HIS TALK ABOUT GOD IS FISHY TOO.

...THAT HE'S INCAPABLE ...
...OF LYING ...
STARE
BUT I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE...
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK AFTER YOU.
IF YOU'RE TAKING A TRIP, YOU SHOULD GET GOING.
A-ANY-WAY!

OH.
YOUR HIGHNESS, THOSE CLOTHES ...
IK-SU?
THEY LOOK WONDERFUL ON YOU.
THEY'RE LOVELY! ♡
SO...
...HOW DID THINGS GO WITH HIM?
IK-SU...
YUN MADE THIS, DIDN'T HE?
HE REALLY IS AMAZING.

YOU'RE UNRELI-ABLE.
YOU CRY EASILY.
AND YOU'RE TOO CARE-FREE.
I'm honored.
KING IL?
YEAH.
HUH?
YOU REMIND ME OF MY FATHER.
BUT...
...YOU'RE EASY TO LOVE.

AND...
What are they talking about?
I DON'T WANT TO TEAR A FAMILY APART.
...YUN IS RUDE, BUT HE LOVES YOU.
WE CAN'T BRING HIM WITH US.

YOU ASKED US TO TAKE HIM ALONG...
"THERE'S A FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK OF YOU TWO."
NOT UNLESS HE *WANTS* TO COME.
...BUT I CAN'T DO IT.
IK-SU...
TMP TMP TMP
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED.
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

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CHAPTER 14: THE CHOSEN DOOR

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IRK
IRK
GOING BEHIND MY BACK LIKE THAT...!
"WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?"

IK-SU!
YOU... SHOULD LEAVE THIS PLACE...
YOU WANT ME TO GO WITH THEM?!
...AND HELP THE PRINCESS.
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?!
ARE YOU KID-DING ME?
oh dear...
YOU...
...SHOULDN'T WASTE AWAY HERE.
YOU SHOULD GO SEE THE WORLD.
IK-SU...

The *Hana to Yume* editorial office has a mobile classroom on how to create manga. Artists answer questions about drawing and give live demonstrations. I don't have much experience, but I got to be an instructor!

That was right around when I was working on the storyboard for this chapter. I was hoping to finish it before I had to go, but it didn't occur to me that I wouldn't finish that day. And then the ink in my kit of art supplies spilled all over the manga I took with me!

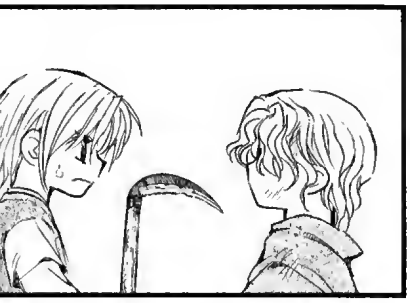
That day the class was in Osaka, so I finished my storyboard in a café at the airport on my way home. This chapter was a struggle. (Laugh)

"YOU SHOULD GO SEE THE WORLD."
CRAP...
SEVEN YEARS AGO...
TOKA VILLAGE, IN THE FIRE TRIBE TERRITORY...
Eek!
YESTER-DAY I ATE SOME TREE ROOTS.
THAT FIELD DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY BUGS, NEVER MIND CROPS.
DIG
DIG
SOME-ONE HELP ME!

TODAY, I'LL...
...STEAL SOME FOOD.
...I ALMOST GOT KILLED.
WHEN I TRIED IT BEFORE...
AND IF I DO DIE, I DON'T CARE.
ONE STRIKE.
BUT THIS TIME I'LL DO IT BETTER.
ACK!
THWACK

THUD
GOOD ...!
TMP TMP TMP
RUMMAGE
MONEY ...
MONEY ...
FOOD...
RUMMAGE
!
SHUP
POW!
AAAGH!!
GUH!
I DON'T... HAVE ANY-THING...
SOR-RY...

D-
DON'T
MOVE!
UGH...
YOU'RE...
THAT KID
FROM
EARLIER.



Th...
THERE'S
NO
POINT
CRYING!
SNIFFLE

SO...
THAT'S
YOU,
RIGHT?
...HAND
THEM
OVER!

PEOPLE
IN TOWN
ARE
TALKING
...
...ABOUT AN
OUTSIDER
WHO'S
CARRYING
GOLD
NUGGETS!

AWW
BUT IF I FIND MORE, I'LL BE SURE TO BRING IT TO YOU!
DRIP
I-I'M SORRY... I JUST GAVE MY GOLD TO SOMEONE ELSE.
SNFF SNFF
THAT WAS THE LAST OF IT.
I-IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR BEING OBLIVIOUS!
THIS IS A DOG-EAT-DOG PLACE!
HUH?
STAGGER
OH!
RUB
WHY WOULD I BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
I'M THE ONE WHO ALMOST KILLED YOU, REMEMBER?!
NO NEED TO WORRY.
I'M FINE. IT DOESN'T HURT.

WOBBLE WOBBLE
H-HEY!
FRET FRET
WOBBLE WOBBLE WOBBLE
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME AT ALL?
SORRY TO TAKE UP YOUR TIME.
BOW
I'LL LET YOU STAY OVERNIGHT AT MY PLACE!
I WANNA TALK TO YOU MORE ABOUT THOSE GOLD NUGGETS!
...
MY NAME IS IK-SU.
I accept your kind offer.
...I WAS GOING TO SLEEP OUTDOORS TONIGHT.
OH, WONDERFUL! TO BE HONEST ...
TURN
SHA

I SHOULD PUT OINTMENT ON HIM.
DAB DAB
WHEW
HE'S STILL ALIVE.
HE'S WARM ...

IT'S COLD...
I'M HUNGRY...
AM I GOING TO DIE HERE?
A POTATO!
HEH! FOR YOU.
SHUP
WHERE'D YOU GET IT? DID YOU STEAL IT?
NO, IT WAS A GIFT.
I HAVEN'T HAD POTATOES IN AGES ...

OH...
I TRADED THEM FOR THAT POTATO.
YOU *TRADED* THEM...?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SHOES...?
YOU MUST WANT SOME-THING—
I WANTED ...
WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS FOR ME?!
BUT IT'S FREEZING! WHAT'LL YOU DO?
...ON MY WOUND.
...TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING OINTMENT ...

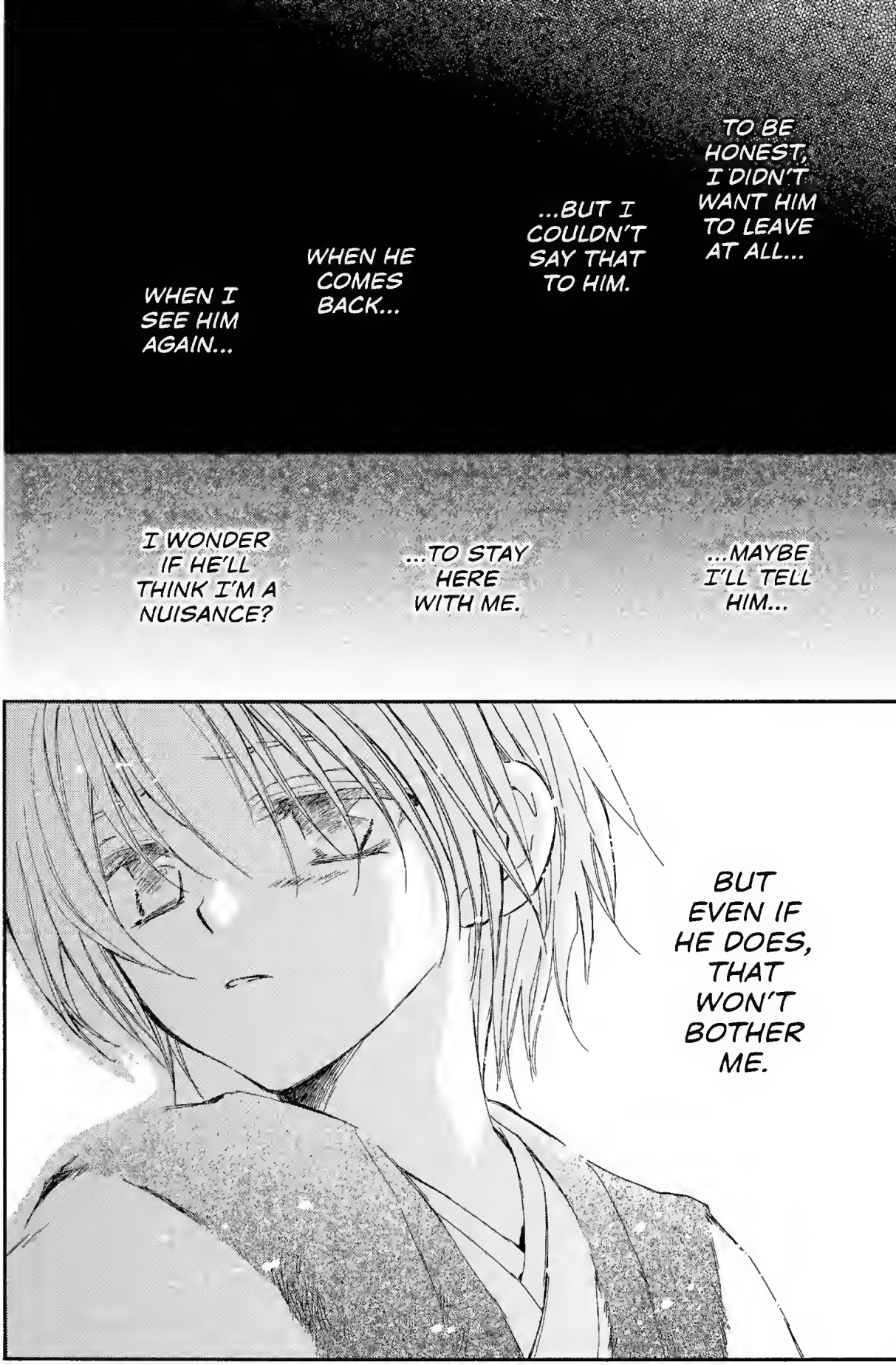
MY HEART FEELS WARM AND FULL.
IT'S...
...MOVING ME TO TEARS...
Why are you crying?!
SNIFFLE
Oh! Uh...
YOU WERE AWAKE?
yes.
AND IT WORKED SO WELL!
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF OUTSIDERS.
I DON'T VISIT THE CAPITAL VERY OFTEN THOUGH.
THE CAPITAL ?!
YOU'RE WEIRD.
ARE ALL OUTSIDERS LIKE YOU?
DO YOU WANT TO GO THERE?
YEAH!

I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS TOWN AS SOON AS I CAN. I WANT TO SEE THE CAPITAL! AND FOREIGN LANDS!
AND WHEN I GROW UP...
...I WANT TO READ TONS OF BOOKS.
I WANT TO GO SOMEPLACE WHERE I CAN STUDY ALL I WANT.
YOU CAN READ? THAT'S AMAZING!
WELL, SURE.
ONLY SIMPLE BOOKS THOUGH.
SOMEDAY I'LL BE ABLE TO READ...
...HARDER ONES.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL TRY TO FIND YOU A BOOK.
YOU CAN FIND THEM IN ALL KINDS OF PLACES.
HUH?

I TRUST WHAT GOD TELLS ME...
...AND VISIT PEOPLE WHO NEED ENCOUR-AGEMENT.
I HELP THEM REDISCOVER THE COURAGE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.
SO WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING, ANYWAY?
HEH! I PRAY TO GOD!
BUT GOD...
...DOESN'T EXIST.
BUT... THIS GUY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A LIAR.
GOD ISN'T REAL.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT WITHOUT SHOES?

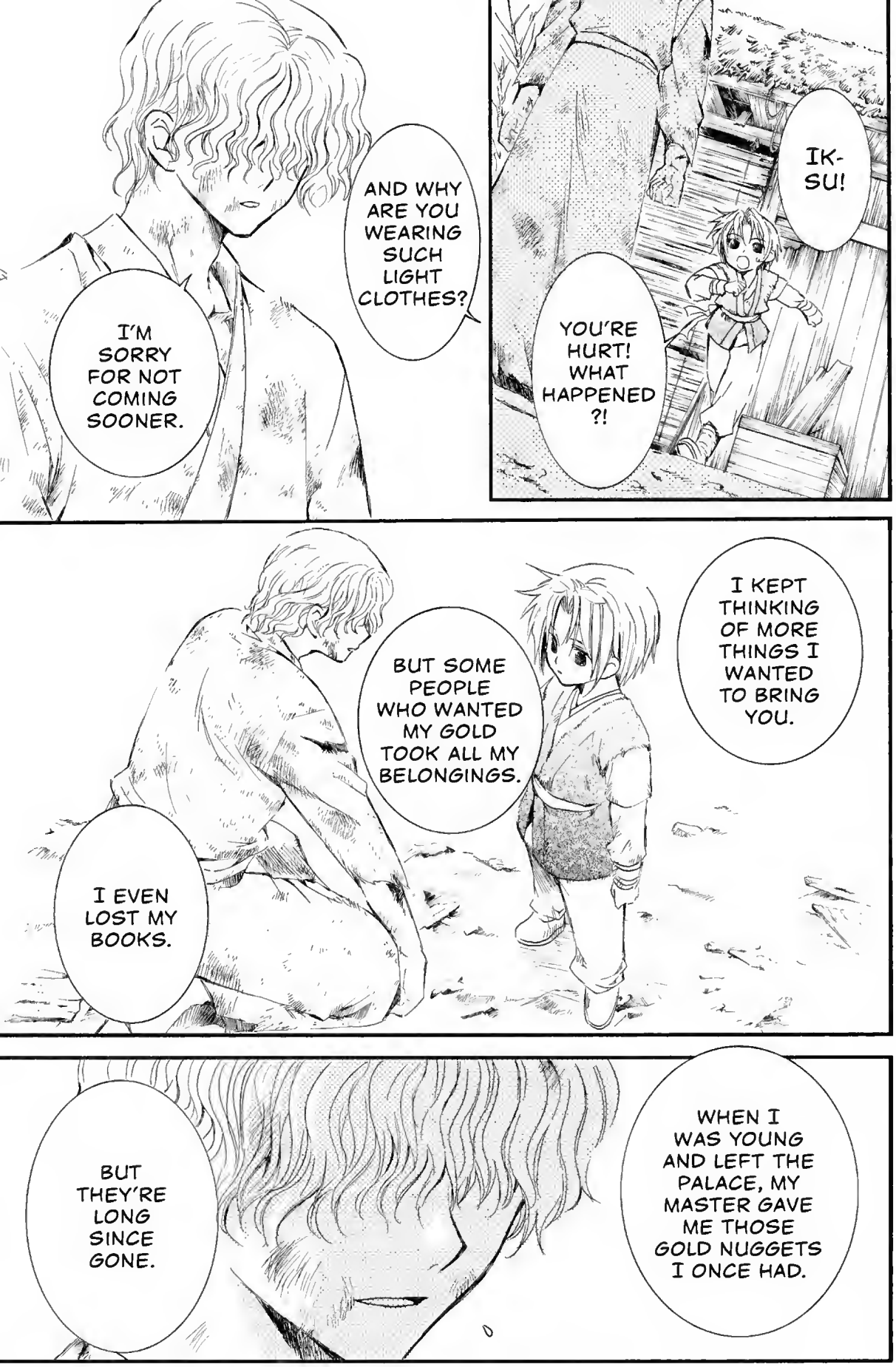
I LEARNED HOW A WHILE AGO.
T-TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE THEM TOO!
SANDALS?
I'LL BE FINE! I'LL MAKE SOME SANDALS.
Straw
A FEW HOURS LATER...
AMAZING, YUN!
IT'S YOUR FIRST PAIR, BUT I'LL BET YOU COULD SELL THOSE! THEY'RE GREAT!
YOURS LOOK PATHETIC. YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO THEM.
I LEARNED SOMETHING FROM HIM.

PAY ME BACK ...
...BY TEACHING ME MORE THINGS.
HERE. YOU CAN HAVE THEM.
ARE YOU SURE? BUT THEY'RE SO SPLENDID!
THERE WERE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK HIM.
I WANTED TO KEEP TALKING TO HIM!
THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN.


TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO LEAVE AT ALL...
...BUT I COULDN'T SAY THAT TO HIM.
WHEN HE COMES BACK...
WHEN I SEE HIM AGAIN...
...MAYBE I'LL TELL HIM...
...TO STAY HERE WITH ME.
I WONDER IF HE'LL THINK I'M A NUISANCE?
BUT EVEN IF HE DOES, THAT WON'T BOTHER ME.

I JUST HOPE HE COMES BACK SOON.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS HAPPENED.

I'M USED TO BEING ALONE.
BUT EVER SINCE WE MET...
...I CAN'T SHAKE THIS LONELY FEELING.


IK-SU!
YOU'RE HURT! WHAT HAPPENED ?!
AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING SUCH LIGHT CLOTHES?
I'M SORRY FOR NOT COMING SOONER.
I KEPT THINKING OF MORE THINGS I WANTED TO BRING YOU.
BUT SOME PEOPLE WHO WANTED MY GOLD TOOK ALL MY BELONGINGS.
I EVEN LOST MY BOOKS.
WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND LEFT THE PALACE, MY MASTER GAVE ME THOSE GOLD NUGGETS I ONCE HAD.
BUT THEY'RE LONG SINCE GONE.

YUN, LISTEN.
I'M GOING FAR AWAY.
I WANT TO BE NEAR PEOPLE...
...BUT WHEN I HAD THAT GOLD, IT BROUGHT OUT SOMETHING *UGLY* IN THE PEOPLE AROUND ME.

I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE ONE MORE TIME.
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE THAT...
...YOU'RE MAKING SANDALS.

GOOD-BYE.

BUT... I CAN'T TRAVEL MUCH.
I CAN'T GO TO THE CAPITAL. I-I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY BOOKS...
SO? THAT'S FINE!
I'M GOING WITH YOU.
I...
I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE CAPITAL!
I DON'T NEED ANY BOOKS!
YOU CAN TEACH ME.
...IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET YOU WANDER AROUND ON YOUR OWN!
BESIDES ...

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PUT OINTMENT ON YOU.
SHAA

THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
IK-SU...
I...

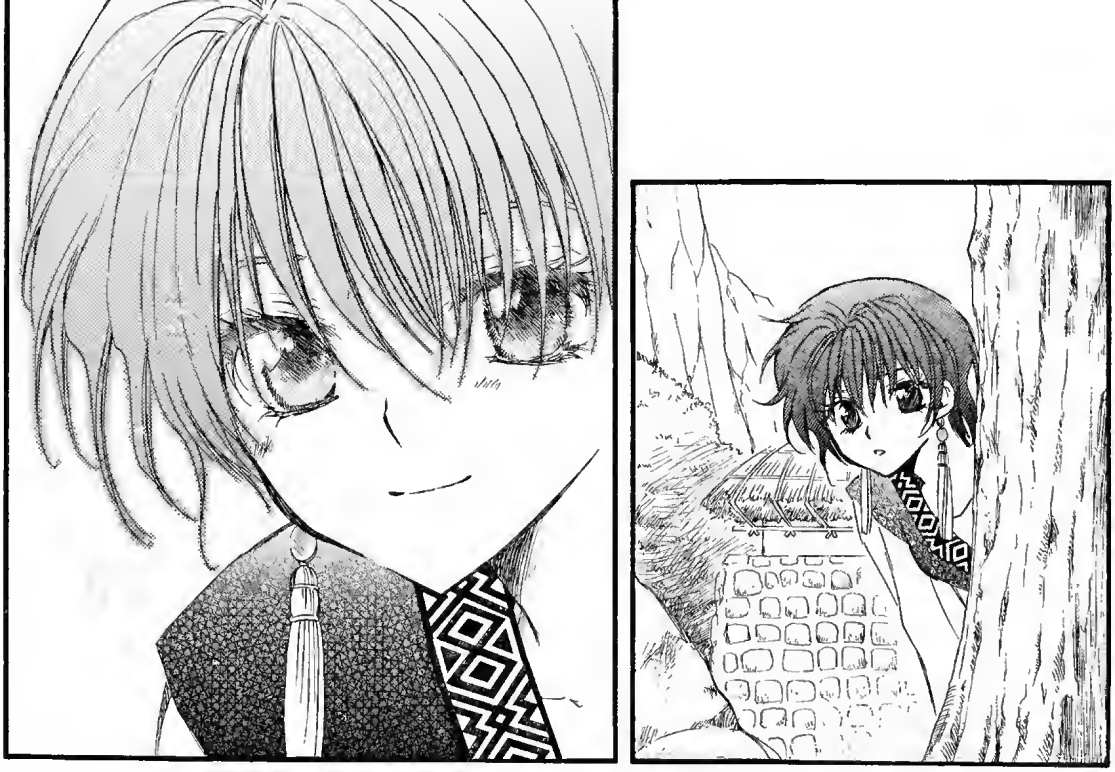
YUN ...
"HEY, IK-SU!
"TELL ME MORE ABOUT HEROES FROM HISTORY!"
"YOU HURT YOUR-SELF AGAIN?
"GIVE ME A BREAK!
THAT'S...
...PRETTY PATHETIC.
I TOLD THAT PRINCESS THAT SHE'S IGNORANT ABOUT THE WORLD.
BUT THE TRUTH IS, WHILE I HAVE A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE ...
...I PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT...
...THE REAL WORLD.

"STAY RIGHT THERE.
"I'LL GO GET MY HERBS."
HEY, IK-SU?
YOU MIGHT NOT REALIZE THIS...
...BUT I'LL ALWAYS ACT ON WHAT YOU TELL ME.
SO IF YOU...
...ORDER ME TO GO...
...I WILL.

I THINK THAT...
...THIS IS MY DESTINY.
BESIDES ...
...I'M SURE YOU'LL BE JUST FINE WITHOUT ME.
WORDS HAVE...
...TRE-MENDOUS POWER.
SOMETIMES SAYING SOMETHING CAN MAKE IT TRUE.
SO IF I SAY I'LL BE FINE...
...IT SHOULD BECOME TRUE.
I SHOULD FEEL BETTER.
BUT...
... IT'S ...
...IT'S NOT WORKING.

I STILL...
... FEEL SO SAD.
I—

OH, COME ON.
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS GOODBYE FOREVER.



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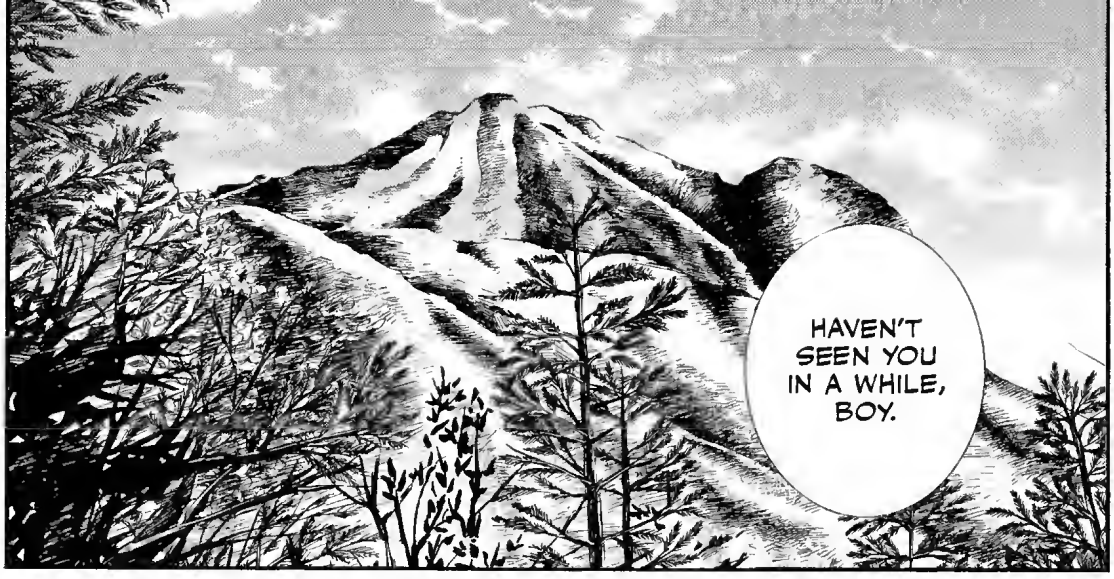

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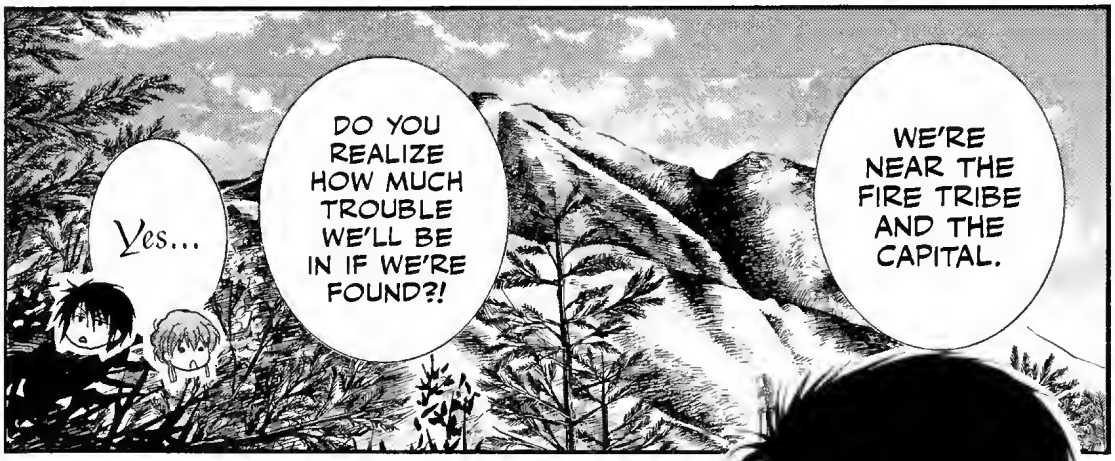
CHAPTER 15: WAVERING DETERMINATION

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
HEY! PRIN-CESS!
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
BECAUSE I CRAMMED YOU IN A BAG AND LUGGED YOU AROUND? BECAUSE I SAID YOU WERE A SACK OF CLOTHES AND DIDN'T HANDLE YOU CAREFULLY? OR MAYBE BECAUSE I USED IT AS AN EXCUSE TO GET MY HANDS ALL OVER YOU?
ALL OF THE ABOVE.
LISTEN, YOU TWO...
MY HEART WAS POUNDING!
I WAS HOPING THAT MERCHANT WOULDN'T NOTICE THAT THE BAG OF "CLOTHES" KEPT MOVING AROUND.
HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME LIKE THAT?!
Why don't you get in the bag?!

CHECK!
CHECK!
CHECK!
AND A PRETTY-BOY GENIUS!
THE EX-GENERAL WILD BEAST!
A RED-HEADED PRINCESS!
That's "Thunder Beast."
WE STAND OUT! DRAWING ATTENTION IS BAD!


Yes...
DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH TROUBLE WE'LL BE IN IF WE'RE FOUND?!
WE'RE NEAR THE FIRE TRIBE AND THE CAPITAL.

"SIR PRIEST, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE WE CAN FIND THE FOUR DRAGONS?"
...REALLY DO LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
LOOKS LIKE THE PRIESTS AND THE FOUR DRAGONS ...

BUT I KNOW WHERE ONE OF THEM IS!
Here we go.
FWIP
MAP
THAT FIGURES!
IT'LL BE TRICKY TO LOCATE THEM ALL.
...LIVE SEPARATE LIVES. THEY'VE MOVED A LOT.
THOSE WITH DRAGONS' BLOOD...
KAI EMPIR
ONE OF THEM HAS DWELT IN THE MISTY MOUNTAINS SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS.
Saika
KINGDOM OF KOHKA
Kuuto
(Royal Capital)
Hiryuu Palace
Fuuga
A TRIBE THERE HAS SECRETLY DEDICATED ITSELF TO PROTECTING THAT BLOOD.
THEY'RE NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY OTHER TRIBE...
...AND THEY DON'T ACCEPT OUT-SIDERS.

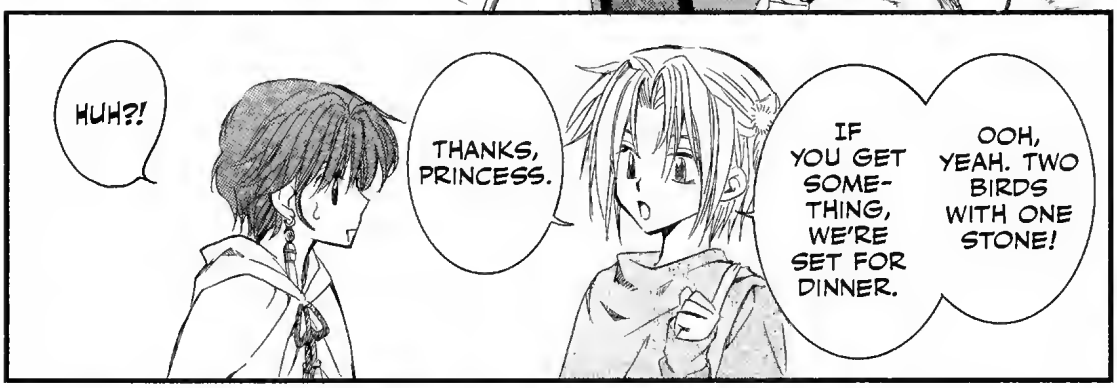
ugh...
WE'LL BE BY THE CAPITAL AND THE KAI EMPIRE.
KAI EMPIRE
Saika
Current location
Kuuto (Royal Capital)
Fuuga
Chishin
Suiko
THAT'S NEAR THE BORDER.
YES.
YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS BY THE FIRE TRIBE AND THE CAPITAL, SO IT'LL BE RISKY.
Cried while saying goodbye to Ik-su.
Shut up!
SWING
SKip
I...
HMM? WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOUR EYES ARE RED.
I'M FINALLY TRAVELING! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THIS LEGENDARY VILLAGE!
THRILLED
ONCE I TRAVEL AROUND THE WHOLE NATION, I'LL WRITE ALL ABOUT WHAT I'VE EXPERIENCED.
PROTECT ME TOO, WILL YOU? I'M PRETTY WEAK.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL HANDLE THEM.
I...
Thanks.
...WILL ATTACK US AGAIN.
...WONDER IF SOLDIERS ...

...NEED TO LEARN...
...HOW TO USE A SWORD!
HAK, YOU SAID YOU'D TEACH ME, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU CAN TEACH ME WHILE WE'RE ON THE MOVE.
I never said that.
I HAVE TO LEARN TO FIGHT SO I CAN DRIVE OFF ANYONE WHO ATTACKS US.
YOUR HIGH-NESS...

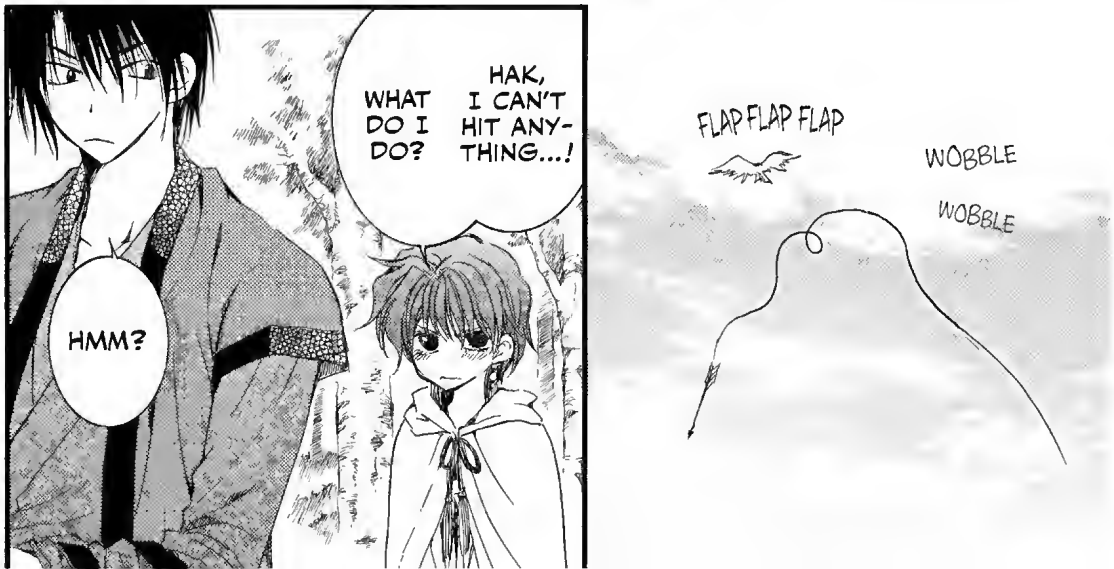
CAN YOU *KILL* SOMEONE?
CAN YOU DO THAT?
IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO SAY YOU WANT TO DRIVE ENEMIES OFF, BUT THEY WON'T JUST CONVENIENTLY RUN AWAY.
YOU'LL NEED TO KILL OR INCAPACITATE THEM.
WHEN I...
...HAD A SWORD, I COULDN'T USE IT AT ALL.

I don't need the help.
FOR SELF-DEFENSE, HUH?
YOU MIGHT NEED THAT.
EVEN IF I'M NO MATCH FOR THEM OR CAN'T KILL THEM...
...I AT LEAST WANT TO HELP US GET A CHANCE TO ESCAPE.
TAKE THIS.
A BOW?
WELL...
WILL YOU TEACH ME?
Hmph.
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
FOR NOW WE'RE STARTING WITH A BOW.
BUT TEACH ME HOW TO USE A SWORD TOO!
OKAY.
YOU SHOULD TARGET THE ENEMY FROM THE SHADOWS.
I'LL DO THE HEAD-ON FIGHTING.

KING IL NEVER ALLOWED YOU TO TOUCH A WEAPON.
BY DOING THIS, I'M DEFYING HIS ORDERS.
THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT...
...WHY YOUR FATHER HATED WEAPONS.
GRP
SO...



ONE HOUR LATER...



PLOP
FWIP
KRIIIK
BUT HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
DO THAT.
IT'S NOT?
THAT'S NOT HELPFUL!
I AIMED.
LOOK. THE BASIC PROBLEM IS...
...YOU'RE NOT USING ENOUGH STRENGTH.
OKAY, HOLD ON.
OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE INCAPABLE OF TEACHING ME.
I wish Mun-deok were here.
Geniuses don't understand how normal people work.

DRAW THE BOW FIRMLY. HOLD IT STEADY.
FROM THERE...
...IT'S ABOUT GETTING A FEEL FOR IT.
REAL MASTER ARCHERS CAN HIT THEIR TARGET WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED.
TRY NOT TO GET DISTRACTED BY WHAT YOU SEE.
FW
IP

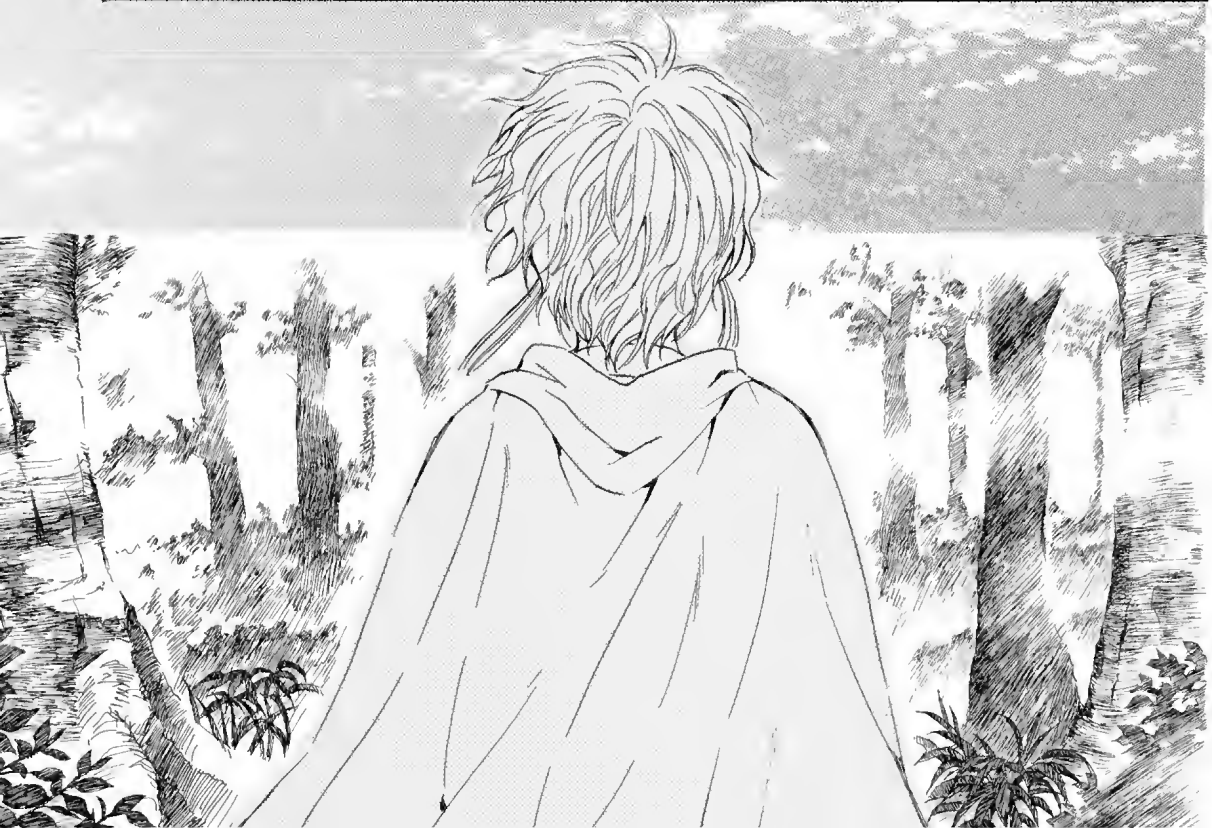
ANYWAY, FOR NOW, JUST FOCUS ON SHOOTING STRAIGHT.
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

THOK
SHE'S PRACTICING HER ARCHERY...
...AT THIS HOUR?

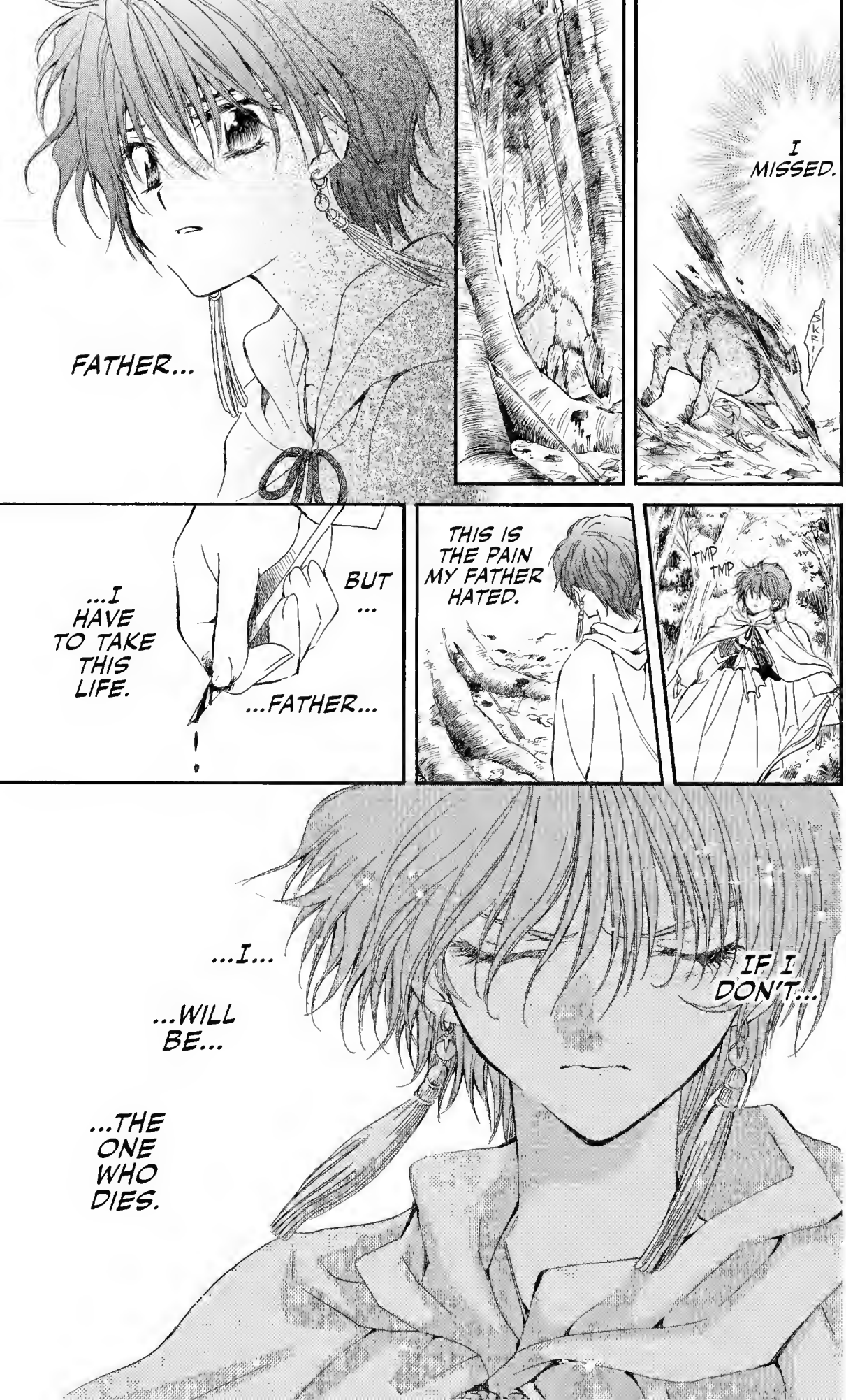
THE WAY YOU DRAW THE BOW IS LOOKING...
...MUCH BETTER.
YOU THINK SO?
CAN YOU SHOOT, YUN?
WHEN I HUNT, I USE TRAPS.
It's not like I can't use a bow though.
Rice with poultry for breakfast
WHEN YOU USE WEAPONS ...
...YOU SHOULDN'T BE HALF-HEARTED ABOUT IT.
HUH?
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATIONS.
SELF-DEFENSE IS GREAT IN THEORY ...
...BUT IF POWERLESS PEOPLE LIKE US WERE THROWN ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD, DO YOU THINK WE COULD AFFORD TO *NOT* KILL OUR ENEMIES?

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE ...
...WE NEED TO BE RUTHLESS AND TRY TO KILL THEM IN ONE SHOT...
...OR FIGHT DIRTY.
WE...
...HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OUTSMART THEM.

ONLY SOMEONE AS SKILLED AS THE THUNDER BEAST HAS THE LUXURY OF..
...WAITING FOR OPENINGS OR HOLDING BACK.



IT'S SO CUTE...
IF IT WERE A PERSON...
IF THIS WERE A BATTLE-FIELD...
...I'D NEED MY ARROW TO FLY TRUE.
KRIIIK
DRAWING YOUR BOW...
...MEANS TAKING A LIFE.
OR LETTING SOMEONE TAKE YOURS.
FWUU


FATHER...
I MISSED.
SKR!
...I HAVE TO TAKE THIS LIFE.
BUT ...
...FATHER...
THIS IS THE PAIN MY FATHER HATED.
TMP TMP
...I...
...WILL BE...
...THE ONE WHO DIES.
IF I DON'T...

YOU'RE NOT COMMITTING YOURSELF TO IT.
INJURING IT SEEMS CRUELER ...
...THAN KILLING IT FOR FOOD.
YOU ALMOST GOT IT.
YUN, GO ON AHEAD.
DON'T DAWDLE, OKAY?
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE PLACE IK-SU MENTIONED.
NOW, THEN ...

Talking to My Editor

Over the last year or so, I've gotten even worse at talking to people. I keep shooting myself in the foot or saying the wrong thing, so I try to avoid talking to people.

It's because I'm always working at home.

Every manga artist I know has the same problem.

Don't worry. It happens to everyone.

I see. That's good...

Is it a good thing...?

...

BEEP

LET'S FIND OUT...

...HOW MUCH YOU'VE IMPROVED.

START WITH THIS TREE.

THOK

LET'S SEE...

But I praised you!

NEXT...

THAT'S... REALLY ANNOY-ING.

CONGRATU-LATIONS! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.

CLAP CLAP

I...
...WANT YOU TO AIM FOR ME.
OR...
...I SHOULD SAY, HITTING A PERSON.
TAP
I CAN'T DO THAT!
DON'T WORRY, I CAN DODGE.
YOU NEED TO PRACTICE HITTING A MOVING TARGET.
I'LL MOVE AROUND RANDOMLY.
TRY TO HIT ME.
CLENCH

DON'T BLAME ME IF I SHOOT YOU!
A WHILE LATER...
FWIP
TAKE THIS!
SHUP
FWUU
HOP
HOP
Look at him dancing up the mountain ...
OH, COME ON, HAK!
STOP MOVING AROUND!
I DON'T THINK...
...YOU'RE ANYWHERE NEAR HITTING ME.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
I STILL DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL ME.
SNAP
O-OF *COURSE* I'M NOT TRYING KILL YOU!
THEN PRETEND I'M SOMEONE WHO'S AFTER YOU.
A FIRE TRIBES-MAN OR A PALACE SOLDIER.
IMAGINE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO KILL.
THERE ISN'T ANY-ONE...
...I WANT TO KILL!
WELL, IN THAT CASE...

...PRETEND YOU'RE AIMING AT SU-WON.
KRI

TAK

BUT...
...ABOUT YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I HATE...
...I'LL STILL USE ANY WEAPON...
...TO PROTECT YOU!
NO MATTER WHO I HAVE TO SACRIFICE.

SKFF
HAK...?
DON'T TALK ABOUT PROTECTING ME.
WHY NOT?

AND PROTECTING OTHERS IS MY JOB.
...?
I TOLD YOU TO THINK OF ME LIKE A TOOL.
I'LL START WANTING THINGS.
YOU DON'T NEED TO...
...WORRY ABOUT TOOLS.

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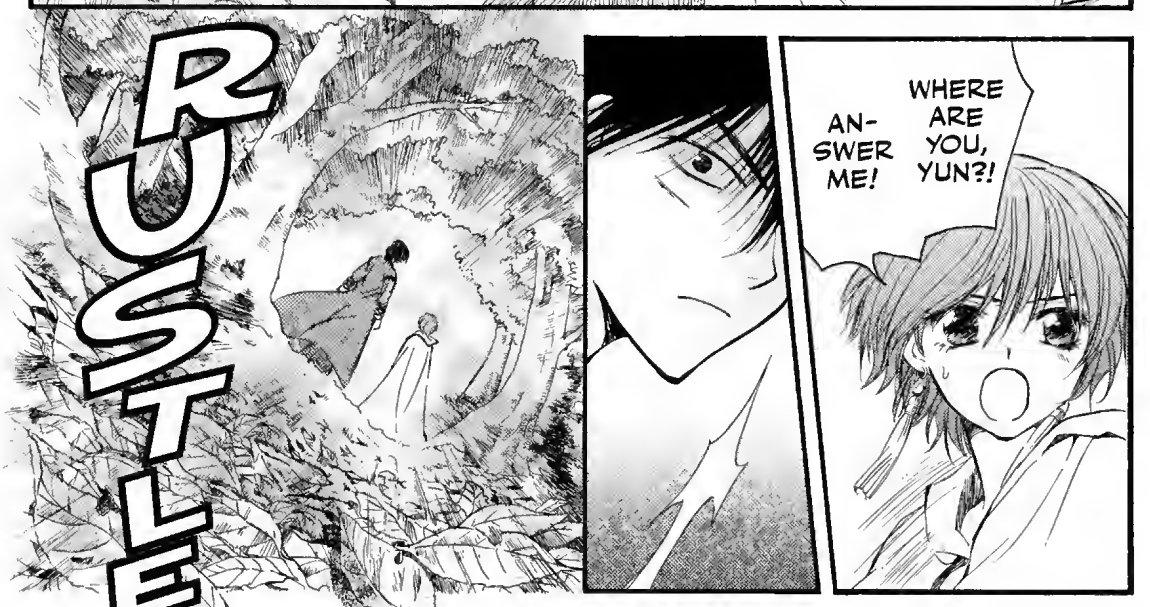
HAK
...
THESE ARE YUN'S THINGS, AREN'T THEY?!


RUSTLE
WHERE ARE YOU, YUN?!
AN-SWER ME!

CHAPTER 16: THE HIDDEN VILLAGE OF THE DRAGON

What is a Thunder Beast?

A legendary creature that falls to earth like lightning, splitting trees and wounding men and beasts!

I thought it was like a tiger.

Visualization

Resembles a small dog, a weasel or a raccoon dog (or even a mouse). Roughly 60 cm long.

Then I did research ...

What? A weasel or a raccoon dog?! 60 cm?!

So Hak's supposed to be some adorable tiny thing?!

Trickster

After searching online...

Thunder Beast Illustration

?? A weasel?

So in the world of *Yona of the Dawn*, just pretend a Thunder Beast looks like a tiger.

WHO'S THERE ?!

LEAVE THIS LAND IMMEDIATELY ...

STAND BACK.

IF YOU PROCEED, YOU WILL SUFFER DIVINE PUNISHMENT.

HIDE IN THE MIST.

SWISH

DIVINE PUNISHMENT?

SO YOU'RE SOME IMPRESSIVE *GOD* WHO'S TALKING TO US?

SWISH
AM I RIGHT ?!

WHO ARE YOU?!
HE CLEARED OUR MIST WITH ONE SWING!
DO YOU BELONG TO THE VILLAGE OF THE DRAGON?
IT SEEMS YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR HOME.
IF THAT'S SO...
...THEN THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON WE CAN'T LET YOU LIVE.
IS THE BOY WE FOUND EARLIER YOUR COMPANION?
DID *YOU* TAKE YUN?!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?
THAT BOY IS—
!

YOU...
RUSTLE
RED HAIR?
LOOK! RED HAIR!
COULD IT BE?
A GIRL...?
?
FWIP
WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM, REDHEADED YOUNG LADY?

HEY! COME ON! COULD YOU LET ME OUT?!
...WHITE DRAGON VILLAGE.
ALLOW US TO ESCORT YOU TO...
THE LAND OF WIND.
A PRIEST THERE INSTRUCTED ME TO VISIT THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS.
ARE YOU ONE OF THE FOUR WHO CARRY DRAGON BLOOD?
WOW...
A PRIEST?!
NO.
WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE WHITE DRAGON.

I KNOW I'M A PRETTY BOY...
...BUT TYING ME UP AND TOSSING ME IN A CAGE IS JUST IN POOR TASTE.
I HAVE TO WARN YOU, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, YOU'LL SUFFER DIVINE RETRIBUTION!
THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES LOVE MY BEAUTY!
AND I'M BESTIES WITH THE THUNDER BEAST.

OUR DRAGON WILL DECIDE WHO RECEIVES DIVINE PUNISHMENT.
GUESS THEY REALLY ARE A TRIBE THAT WAS GRANTED DRAGON BLOOD...
You were right, Ik-su.

PFFT!
STRIDE STRIDE
AHH, AND TO YOUR LEFT IS A STATUE OF THE WHITE DRAGON...

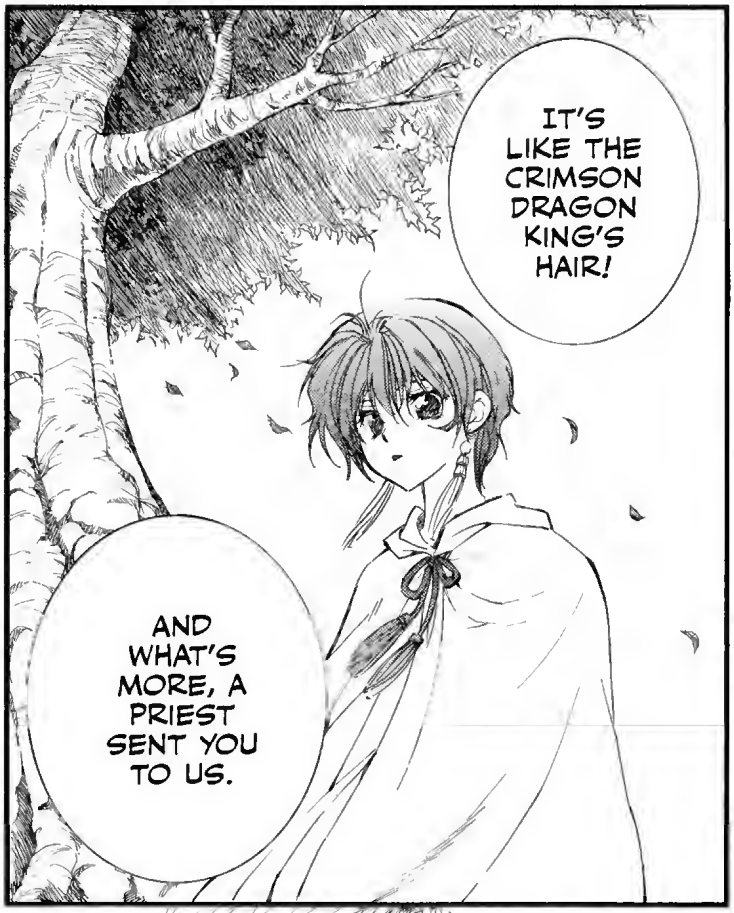
I HOPE THE PRINCESS HASN'T BEEN CAPTURED.
The Thunder Beast's with her, so she should be all right.
OKAY, I NEED AN ESCAPE PLAN.

EXCEPT FOR BEING TIED UP IN A CAGE!!!
You idiot Princess!
OH! YUN! ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S WITH THE DIFFERENT TREATMENT?!
MEANWHILE, THE PRETTY BOY'S IN A CAGE?!
HEY! HOW COME YOU'RE PLAYING TOURIST IN THE DRAGON VILLAGE?!
OH! FORGIVE ME.
WE HAVE A GUEST WITH RED HAIR.
RELEASE HIM.
WE'RE SORRY FOR MANHANDLING YOUR COMPANION.
BUT—
PLEASE FORGIVE OUR INSOLENCE.
WELL, IT'S NOT EXACTLY HER THAT—
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE SECOND THEY SAW HER HIGHNESS, THEY CHANGED THEIR TUNE.
DUNNO.

THIS IS WHERE THE WHITE DRAGON SETTLED...
...ONCE HE'D FULFILLED HIS ROLE AS ONE OF THE FOUR DRAGONS AFTER THE WARS DURING THE AGE OF MYTHS.
WE'VE ELIMINATED BANDITS AND MISCREANTS WHO'VE COME LOOKING FOR...
...THE WHITE DRAGON'S POWER.
OUR TRIBE'S DUTY IS TO GUARD THE WHITE DRAGON AND PASS HIS BLOOD DOWN TO THE NEXT GENERATION.
WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THAT.
WE CANNOT FREELY WELCOME OUTSIDERS TO THIS LAND.
THAT MAKES SENSE...

SWARM SWARM
SWARM
...BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
RED HAIR ...
IT'S RED HAIR!
Oh my!
PRAISE GOD!
SO BEAUTI-FUL!
IS IT REAL?
DO THEY WORSHIP RED HAIR HERE OR SOME-THING?
IT IS PRETTY UNUSUAL.
I've never seen hair like that before.
YEAH, YOUR HAIR.
THEY THINK I'M BEAUTI-FUL!
HAK! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

I ALWAYS HATED MY HAIR, BECAUSE I WAS...
...DIF-FERENT FROM EVERY-ONE ELSE.
WHAT A SHAME!

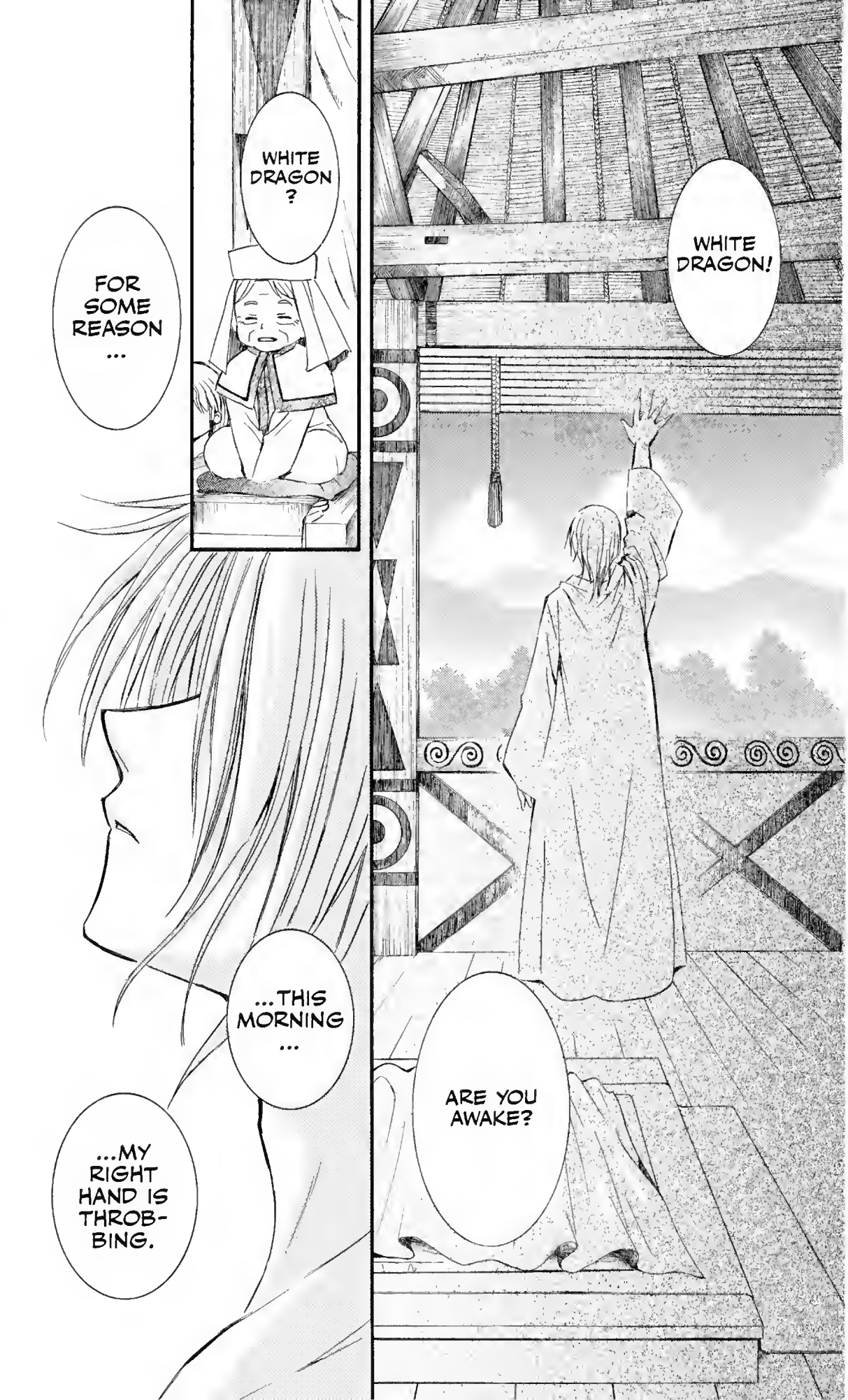

IT'S LIKE THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING'S HAIR!
AND WHAT'S MORE, A PRIEST SENT YOU TO US.

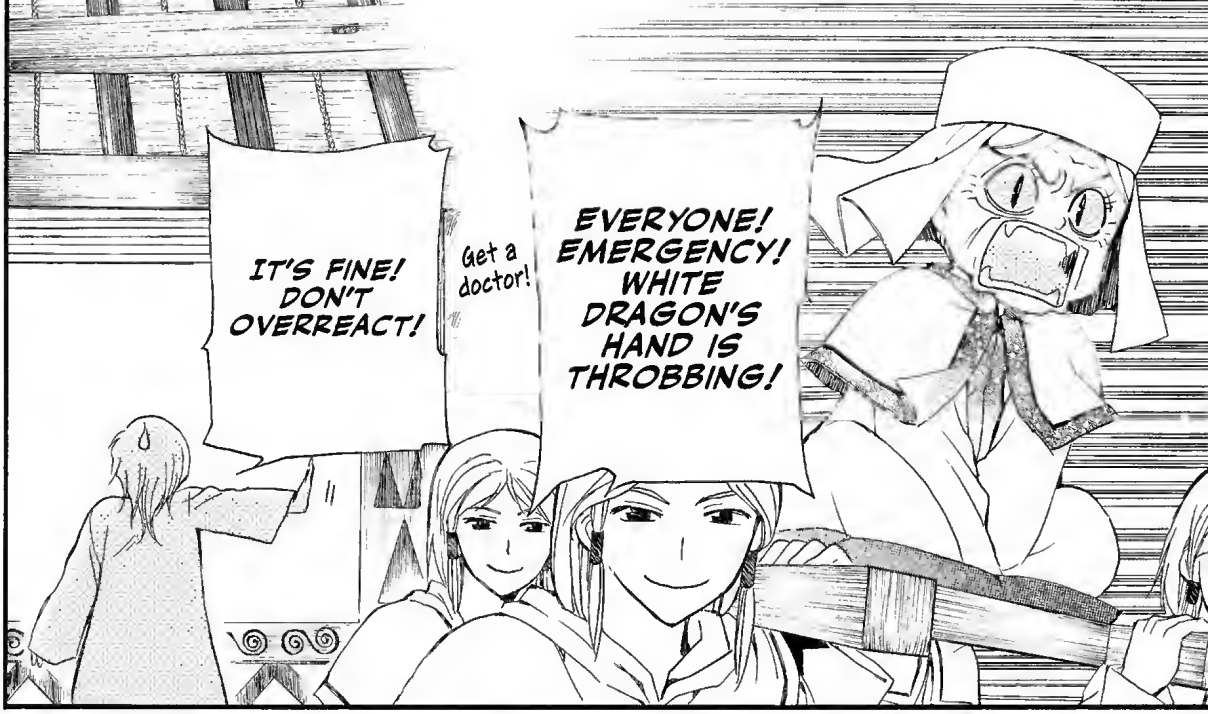
I MEAN ...
PERHAPS ...

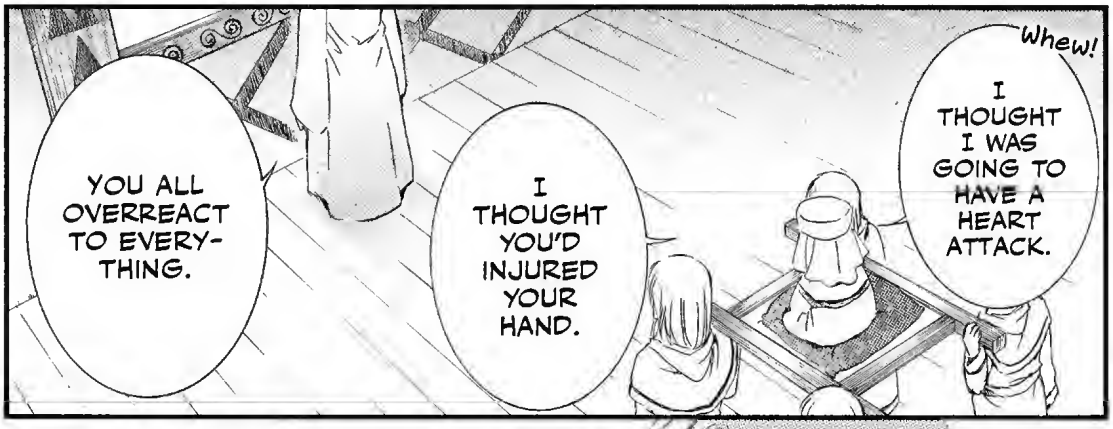
RED HAIR HAS ALWAYS HELD SPECIAL MEANING FOR US...
...SINCE THE FIRST WHITE DRAGON SERVED A MASTER WITH RED HAIR.

...THE PERSON WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
YOU MIGHT BE...
UM... SEEING AS WE KNOW YOUR SECRET NOW, WHAT HAPPENS IF SHE ISN'T?
OR YOU MIGHT NOT BE.
Huh?
HEY, THUNDER BEAST, PROTECT ME IF THINGS GO BADLY, OKAY?
I WONDER WHAT I'D DO...
POKE
WHY THE LONG PAUSE ?!
.....
ANYWAY, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE WHITE DRAGON.
YES, WE'RE ALL DESCENDED FROM THE WHITE DRAGON.
ISN'T EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE A DESCENDANT OF THE ORIGINAL ?
WHAT MAKES THE WHITE DRAGON SPECIAL?
Hey...

BUT ONLY ONE PERSON HAS INHERITED ...
HE WAS BORN WITH...
...THE WHITE DRAGON'S POWER.
...A DRAGON'S ARM.
WHITE DRAGON ...


ARE YOU AWAKE?
WHITE DRAGON!
...MY RIGHT HAND IS THROB-BING.
...THIS MORNING ...
FOR SOME REASON ...
WHITE DRAGON ?


EVERYONE! EMERGENCY! WHITE DRAGON'S HAND IS THROBBING!
Get a doctor!
IT'S FINE! DON'T OVERREACT!


Whew! I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK.
I THOUGHT YOU'D INJURED YOUR HAND.
YOU ALL OVERREACT TO EVERY-THING.

BUT I SHOULD BE PRO-TECTING YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU HAVE THE POWER OF A GOD!
YOU'RE OUR PRIDE AND OUR REASON FOR EXIS-TENCE.

EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, YOU'VE KEPT ME FROM GETTING SICK...
...AND KEPT MY POWER FROM FALLING INTO...
...THE HANDS OF OUT-SIDERS.

And you shine more beautifully than any prior White Dragon.
I think you're biased about that, Granny.
I'LL DO MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO THE NAME.
BUT...
...I'M FRUS-TRATED.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN TO USE MY POWER OR WHAT TO USE IT FOR.
WHITE DRAGON ...
YOUR POWER HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS.
IN THIS GENERATION, IT MIGHT NOT BE CALLED UPON AT ALL.
BUT THE NEXT WHITE DRAGON OR EVEN THE ONE AFTER...
...MIGHT NEED THE POWER OF A GOD TO PROTECT THEIR MASTER.
FOR NOW...

WHO IS THIS "MASTER" I HAVE TO PROTECT?
WHEN WILL WE MEET?
IF MY POWER ISN'T NEEDED IN THIS ERA...
...I HAVE NO PURPOSE IN LIFE BUT PASSING ON MY BLOOD.
I WANT TO FIND MY MASTER SOON.
SOMEONE WHO NEEDS ME...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING BUT STAYING SAFE HERE.
THE NEXT WHITE DRAGON?
BY THE WAY, WHITE DRAGON...
IT STRIKES ME THAT YOU'RE TWENTY YEARS OLD ALREADY.
UM... YES?
TWITCH
IT WOULDN'T BE UNUSUAL TO HAVE SEVERAL WIVES BY NOW.
Several ?!
ONE IS PLENTY.
PUFF

YOU BROKE OFF THAT EXCELLENT MATCH JUST THE OTHER DAY! THERE AREN'T ANY MORE GIRLS HERE WHO ARE TO YOUR LIKING!
SOON! I WANT TO MEET MY MASTER SOON!
WOBBLE
ROAR
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE!
CHATTER CHATTER
THEY'VE CAUSED AN UPROAR IN THE VILLAGE.
I HEAR THEY'RE RATHER UNUSUAL.
WE'VE INVITED INTRUDERS INTO THE VILLAGE?!
I GATHER SOME OUTSIDERS WERE WANDERING BY.
WHAT?! AREN'T THEY TO BE KILLED IMMEDI-ATELY?!
THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE OUTSIDE THIS MORNING.
OH, THAT?

I HEAR ONE OF THEM IS A CUTE GIRL!
SO WHAT? FEMALE ASSASSINS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS!
FWISH
I'M GOING OUT.
KLAK
KLAK
WHITE DRAG-ON!
CURSE YOU, INTRUDERS!
...TO PROTECT MY VILLAGE!
...MY POWER...
I WILL USE...
Phew
Hiding her hair so people won't make a fuss about it.
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!

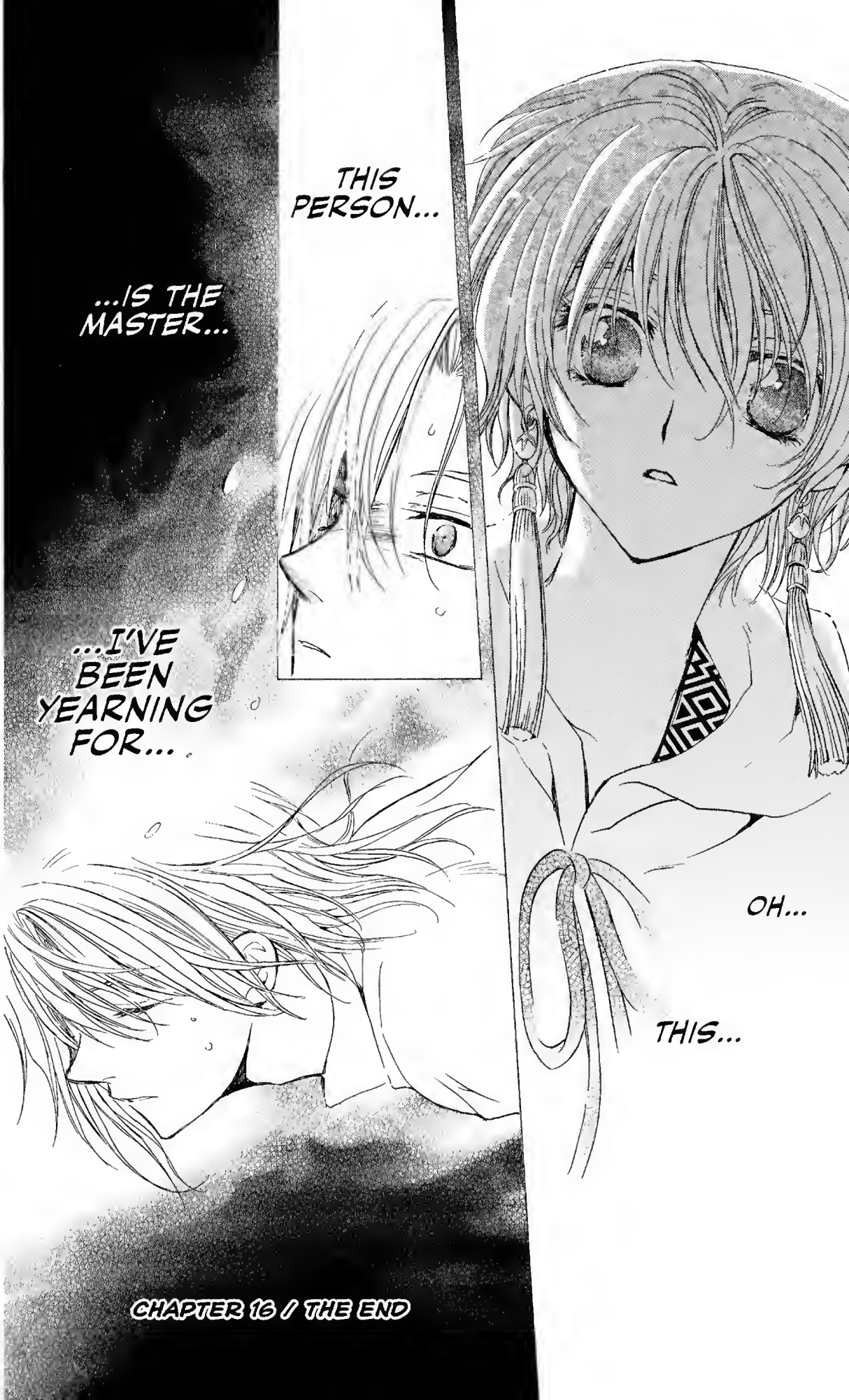
THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
WHAT'S WRONG, PRINCESS?
WHEN A CHILD IN THIS VILLAGE IS BORN WITH THE POWER OF THE WHITE DRAGON...
...THE *PREVIOUS* WHITE DRAGON SOON LOSES HIS POWER.
THEN THAT CHILD HAS TO...
...CARRY ON THE BLOOD-LINE...
...UNTIL THE POWER'S NEEDED SOMEDAY.
... AND I'M NOW...
... HERE TO BORROW THAT POWER.
CHANGED YOUR MIND?

LEAN
HAK...
?!
LEND ME YOUR SWORD.
?!
She caught me off guard.
I MADE UP MY MIND.
THERE'S NO GOING BACK.

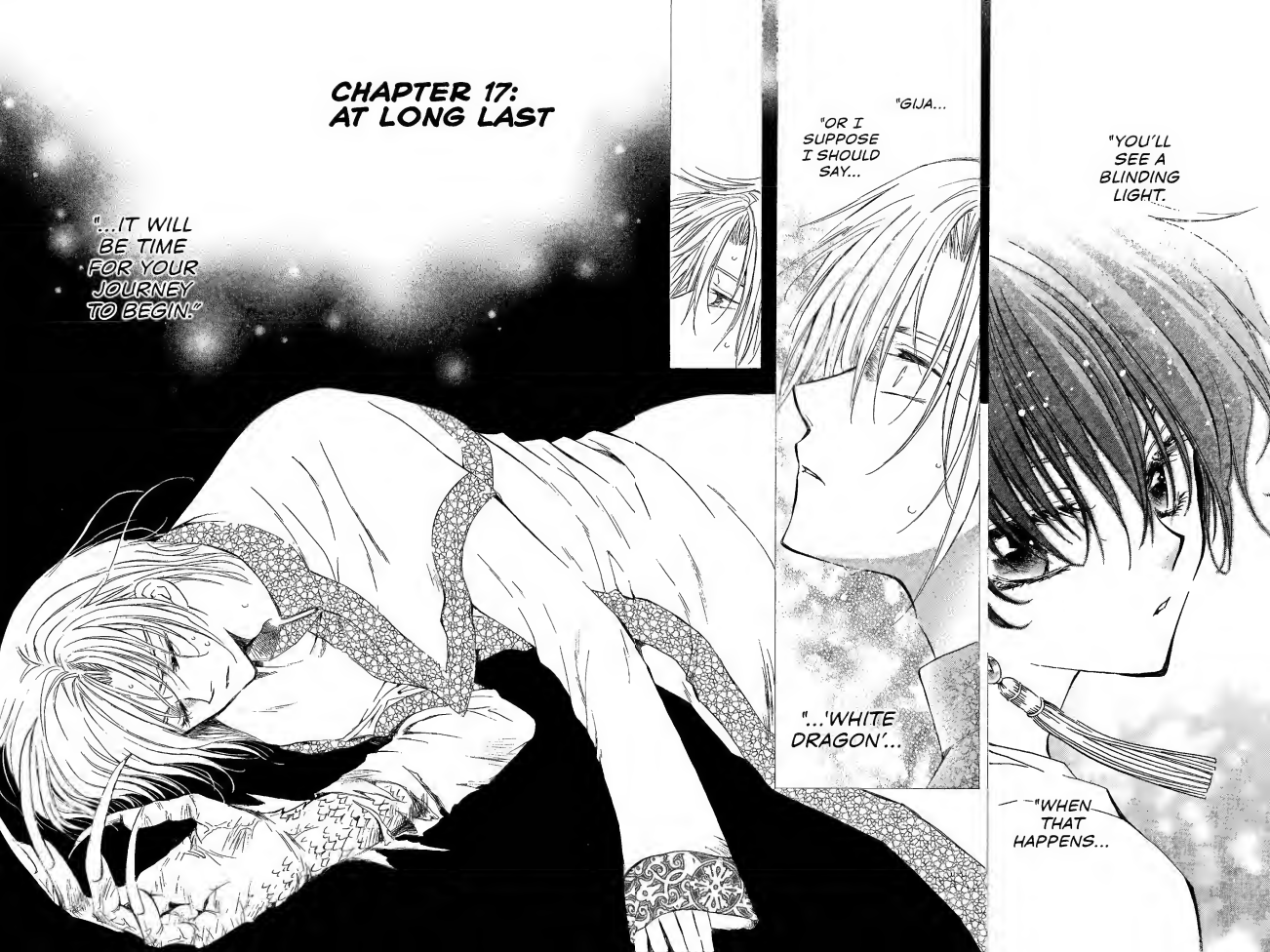
BUT IF I CAN'T GET HELP FROM THE WHITE DRAGON...
...I WANT YOU TO TRAIN ME MORE.
GOT IT?
KLAK
KLAK
WAIT, WHITE DRAGON!
IS THIS WHERE THEY WENT?
WHITE DRAG-ON!
KLAK
HMM?
THERE'S ONE.
She's swinging a sword around.

...I'LL TEAR YOU TO SHREDS!
YOU WRETCH!
HOW DARE YOU THROW THIS VILLAGE INTO CHAOS?
WITH MY CLAWS...
YOU THERE!

CRACKLE CRACKLE
"...AND NEVER BETRAY HIM."
"YOU MUST SERVE THE CRIMSON DRAGON. YOU MUST PROTECT AND LOVE HIM ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIVES...
"YOU ARE NOW EXTENSIONS OF US.
"FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS ...
RED... HAIR...
AAAGH!
...FEELS LIKE IT'S BOILING ...!!
MY BLOOD...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MY ARM...!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


THIS PERSON...
...IS THE MASTER...
...I'VE BEEN YEARNING FOR...
OH...
THIS...
CHAPTER 16 / THE END

"GIJA.
"WHEN WILL THAT BE, FATHER?
"WHEN WILL MY KING APPEAR?"
"YOU'LL KNOW HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM.
"THE FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS WERE BORN DURING THE AGE OF MYTHS TO PROTECT THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING.
"YOUR POWER WILL BE NEEDED WHEN THE KING RETURNS."
"THE WHITE DRAGON'S BLOOD WITHIN YOU WILL REVEAL THE KING TO YOU.
"YOUR BLOOD WILL TELL YOU.


CHAPTER 17:
AT LONG LAST
"...IT WILL BE TIME FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO BEGIN."
"GIJA...
"OR I SUPPOSE I SHOULD SAY...
"...'WHITE DRAGON'...
"YOU'LL SEE A BLINDING LIGHT.
"WHEN THAT HAPPENS...

WHITE DRAGON !
WHITE DRAGON !!
IS HE ALL RIGHT ?!
OHHH ...
LOOK AT HIS HAND!
SIZZLE

OH...
...I THANK YOU.
YES...
UM...
WHITE... DRAGON ?
FATHER...
...AND ALL THE WHITE DRAGONS WHO PROTECTED THIS BLOOD AND OUR TRIBE...

I AM THE ONE WHO CARRIES THE BLOOD OF THE WHITE DRAGON, PASSED DOWN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES...
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
...MY...
... MASTER ...

MAS-
TER?
WHAT
DO...
...YOU
MEAN
...?

YEEAH!
...TODAY, IT ALL COMES TO FRUITION!
AFTER PROTECTING OUR GOD'S POWER FOR CENTURIES ...
OUR KING IS HERE AT LAST!
CONGRATU-LATIONS, WHITE DRAGON!
KING?!
THEY PROBABLY THINK YOU'RE THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING BECAUSE OF YOUR RED HAIR.
"KING"? IS IT BECAUSE I'M ROYALTY?
WELL, THEY'RE SURE HAPPY.
HUH?
MY MASTER ...
BUT I'M NOT DESCENDED FROM HIS BLOOD-LINE.
ACCORDING TO THE KINGDOM'S HISTORY, SOMETIMES THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS BEEN FROM THE FIRE OR WATER TRIBES...
...SO I THINK THE CRIMSON DRAGON KING'S BLOODLINE DIED OUT.
TELL ME YOUR NAME, I PRAY.
※YONA BELONGS TO THE SKY TRIBE, WHICH HAS ONLY RULED FOR ABOUT 250 YEARS.

I-I'M YONA.
WOW...
SO THIS IS THE WHITE DRAGON.
LADY YONA...
SILVER HAIR AND FLAWLESS PALE SKIN...
HE BARELY EVEN LOOKS HUMAN.
I'M...
...NOT YOUR KING OR YOUR MASTER.
Your majesty far outshines me.
Not at all.
Oh my...
↖How he sees her.
Er...
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.

I'M NOTHING BUT A TROUBLEMAKER WHO WANTS THE POWER OF A GOD...
...TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY FRIENDS.
UM... I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SAY THAT.
Don't you know how to handle people?
I'M LOOKING FOR THE OTHER THREE DRAGONS TOO.
BUT TO START WITH, I'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR POWER.
IS THAT OKAY?

I WOULD BE HONORED.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...
...OR WHAT YOUR GOALS MIGHT BE, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD...
...I...
...AM YOUR DRAGON.

...THE BLOOD IN MY VEINS IS TELLING ME.
THAT'S WHAT...
I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT...
AND THEN THERE'S THE "TROUBLE-MAKER" THING.
That made me nervous.
WELL, IT'S THE TRUTH.
I DIDN'T WANT TO LIE TO HIM.
WHEN I TOLD HIM I WAS A PRINCESS, HE SEEMED TAKEN ABACK.
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOUR DRAGON TO JOIN US SO EASILY.
IK-SU'S PROPH-ECY WAS DEAD-ON.
It seems like he really was going to help us uncondi-tionally.
He sure does like red hair, huh?

AND THEN HE HAD THIS CREEPY GRIN THE WHOLE TIME...
Hmm?
NAH.
I WAS JUST HAVING A BLAST WATCHING HER HIGH-NESS...
... PICKING A FIGHT WITH A GOD. ♡
ARE YOU BEING SARCAS-TIC?
Ha ha ha!
NOPE.
SHE'S ACTING TOUGH SO NO ONE'LL REALIZE SHE'S INSECURE, BUT I LIKE SEEING HER TAKE A GAMBLE.
Hak's feeling a bit sadistic.
IF THE WHITE DRAGON'S HELPING US SO READILY...
...OUR TRIP SHOULD GO SMOOTHLY.
TWITCH
...

"FOUR DRAGON WARRIORS ...
AND THE VOICE OF THE DRAGON ECHOED IN MY SOUL...
...MY BLOOD'S FELT LIKE IT WAS ABOUT TO BOIL.
SINCE THE MOMENT I SAW HER...
MY RIGHT ARM AND THE REST OF MY BODY STILL FEEL LIKE...
... THEY'RE ON FIRE.
"YOU MUST PROTECT AND LOVE HIM ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIVES AND NEVER BETRAY HIM."
MY WHOLE LIFE, I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS IS MY TRIBE'S DESIRE.

KNOCK KNOCK
AFTER MILLENNIA...
...THIS MISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.
PLEASE WATCH OVER ME.
FATHER...

'SCUSE ME.
WHAT —?!

Courtesy demands that you let me search your pots.
I'M ROUNDING UP SOME WEAPONS AND FOOD.
DO YOU HAVE ANY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Stop that.

MY BAD.
Palace?
SCOUNDREL! HOW DARE YOU ENTER THE PALACE OF THE WHITE DRAGON UNINVITED!

HUH?
TAKE THIS AND LEAVE THE VILLAGE.

WOW!♡ HOW VERY GENEROUS OF YOU, WHITE DRAGON!

KLINK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
I SHALL PROTECT THE PRINCESS FROM THIS POINT ON, SO YOU'RE FREE TO LEAVE.
HUH?
OH, THEY'RE BACK.
HMM? THERE'S A STORM BREWING AROUND THEM.
Great. Just great.
RUMMMBLE
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

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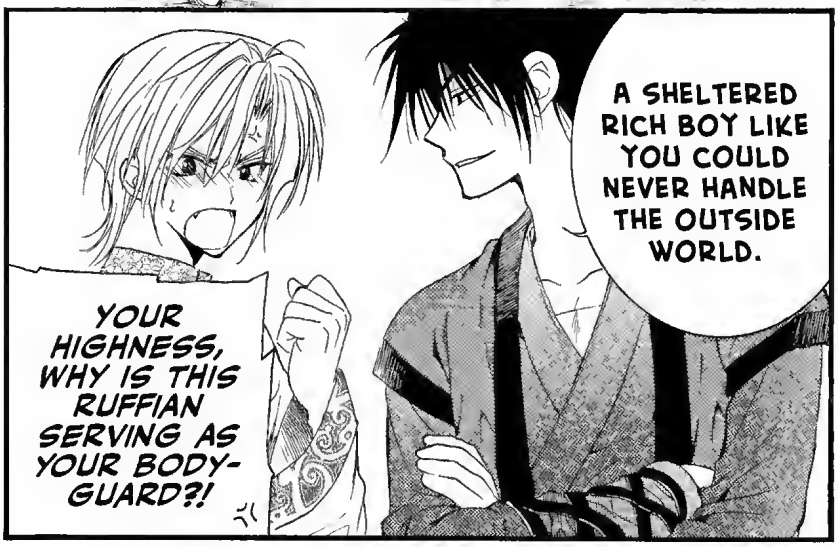


YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US, SO YOU SHOULD LEAVE!
AS ONE OF THE FOUR DRAGONS, MY ROLE IS TO PROTECT HER!
BULGE
MAYBE I'VE GAINED SOME WEIGHT.
SO WHAT'S THAT SUSPICIOUS BULGE THERE?
you took the money?
GRAB
NO!

HAK IS A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.
EVEN WHEN I LEFT THE PALACE...
EVEN WHEN I WAS ALL ALONE...
...HE STAYED BY MY SIDE.
HE MEANS A LOT TO ME.
I NEED HIM WITH ME!

IF THAT'S WHAT HER HIGHNESS WANTS...
NOTH-ING TO BE DONE.
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
THERE, SEE?
Happy
Incredibly happy
Take this back.
HEH ...
HEH...
...HAK'S GOING TO DIE PROTECT-ING ME.
THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ...
BUT I NEED YOU TOO.
Where'd my extra weight go?!
OH?
...TO KEEP HIM FROM DYING.
SO I WANT YOU TO PROTECT HIM...

SNAP
ALTHOUGH I WON'T PROTECT HIM AS WELL AS I'LL GUARD YOU.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
YOU WANT ME TO SAVE HIM BECAUSE HE'S WEAK?
OHHHH, I UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS.

YEAH.
THIS IS GETTING INCREDIBLY ANNOYING. LET'S HURRY UP AND GO.
A WHITE SNAKE?! HOW DARE YOU CALL A HOLY DRAGON A SNAKE!
NO NEED. THINGS HAVEN'T GOTTEN SO BAD THAT I NEED TO BE PROTECTED BY SOME WHITE SNAKE.

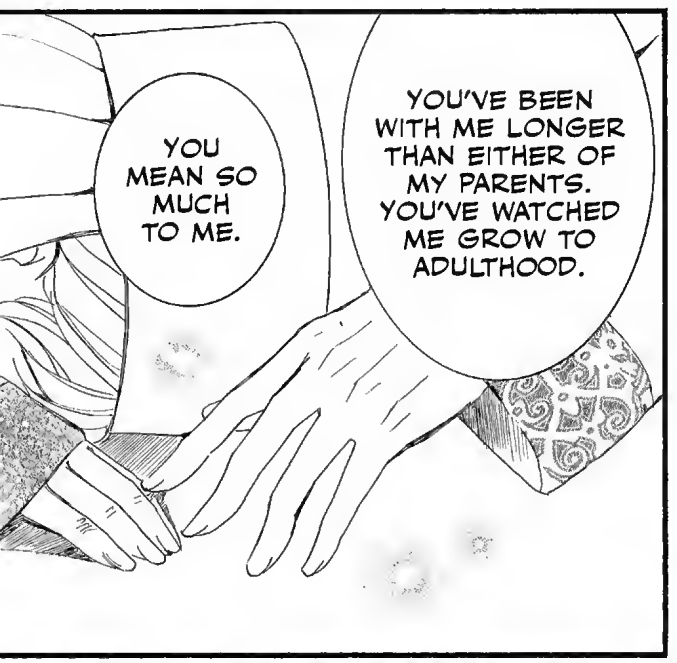
WHITE DRAGON ...

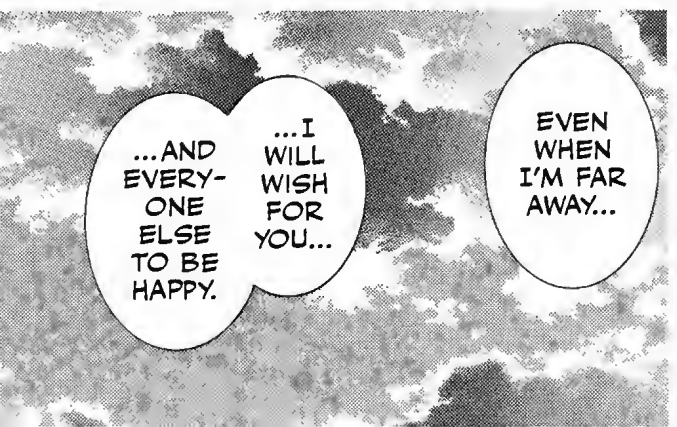
WHY WOULD I WAIT?
MY MASTER HAS ARRIVED...
WE THOUGHT YOU'D WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO GO.
WE COULDN'T LET YOU LEAVE THAT WAY!
BUT I SAID YOU DIDN'T NEED TO SEE ME OFF, EVERYONE.
OH ...!
DIVINE PUNISHMENT WILL BEFALL ME IF I RELY ON YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS UNTIL THE DAY I LEAVE.
...AND SHE REQUIRES MY STRENGTH.
THE OTHER WHITE DRAGONS GAVE ME THIS POWER FOR THIS EXACT PURPOSE.
IT'S ADMIRABLE.
THE WHITE DRAGON HOLDS HIMSELF TO SUCH HIGH STANDARDS.
He's so beautiful...
And his skin is so smooth...
And his hair is so soft...
Ahhh...♥
AND HE MAKES GIRLS CRY.
HE BROKE OFF OUR ENGAGEMENT JUST THE OTHER DAY.

AS LONG AS THE VILLAGE IS SECURE...
...A NEW WHITE DRAGON WILL BE BORN.
...IF BY SOME CHANCE I LOSE MY LIFE...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
UNTIL YOU RETURN, WE WILL PROTECT THIS VILLAGE.
WHITE DRAGON ...
GRAN-NY?
WHITE DRAGON.
HOW COULD YOU, WHITE DRAGON ?!
YOU'RE MAKING US CRY!
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS!
S-SORRY ...
I CAN'T CARRY ALL THAT!
TAKE IT ALL, YOU THIEF!
TAKE THESE RICE BALLS WITH YOU. AND YOU'LL PROBABLY GET COLD ON YOUR JOURNEY, SO HERE'S AN OVERCOAT I MADE FOR YOU, PLUS A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. AND HERE'S A TEN-YEAR SUPPLY OF MEDICINE AND BEAUTY CREAM TO MAINTAIN YOUR GOOD LOOKS!
GRANNY ...
SHOVE

I'LL BE AWAY FROM HOME FOR A WHILE.
I'VE LEFT THIS TOWN IN THE HANDS OF MY UNCLES.
HMM?
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!
I AM THE ELDER CHIEF OF THIS VILLAGE. IT FALLS TO ME TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS IN YOUR ABSENCE!
BUT YOUR VISION IS CONTINUING TO FAIL...
I HAVE MORE ENERGY THAN ANYONE ELSE HERE!
I'LL ADMIT YOU'RE VERY ENER-GETIC ...
You'll be 100 years old this year.
BUT I...
...HAVE LOST MY PURPOSE.
TOMOR-ROW MORN-ING...
...I WON'T BE ABLE TO...
...GO IN AND WAKE YOU TO FACE THE DAY.

You look like a ball.
GRANNY... RAISE YOUR HEAD.

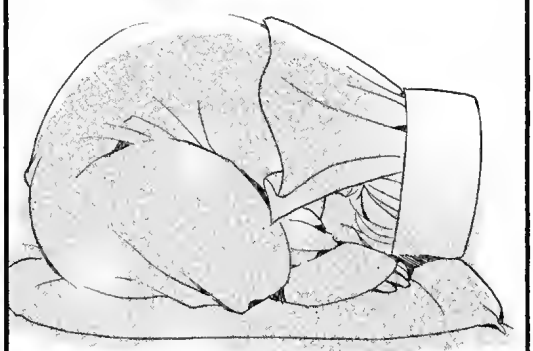

YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO ME.
YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME LONGER THAN EITHER OF MY PARENTS. YOU'VE WATCHED ME GROW TO ADULTHOOD.


...AND EVERY-ONE ELSE TO BE HAPPY.
...I WILL WISH FOR YOU...
EVEN WHEN I'M FAR AWAY...

OUR TRIBE'S WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED.

BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT IT...

...TO COME SO SUD-DENLY.



I CAN'T STAND FOR THIS!
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU EXPECT ME TO DIE ANY DAY NOW!
SHOOM
SO I WANT YOU...
...TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND LIVE PEACE-FULLY.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF YEARS LEFT IN ME.
WHEN YOU RETURN AFTER YOU'VE FULFILLED YOUR TASK AS THE WHITE DRAGON...
...I'LL BE FIRST IN LINE TO WELCOME YOU BACK.
THAT'S A PROMISE.

NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS PASS...
EVEN IF I'M BLIND...
...YOU WILL STILL ALWAYS BE SHINING TO ME.
"FULFILL YOUR DUTY...
"...AND COME HOME TO US."
SO...

YUN, DID IK-SU TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE?
I'VE GOT NO NEW LEADS.
NOPE.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR EYES ARE RED.
SNIFFLE
WHICH WAY SHOULD WE GO NOW?
YES.
I CAN SENSE THE PRESENCE OF THE OTHERS WITH MY DRAGON POWER.
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE FOUR DRAGONS, RIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S A PROB-LEM.
The emotional farewell made him cry.
SHUT UP!
NO MATTER HOW FAR APART WE ARE, OUR BLOOD CALLS OUT TO EACH OTHER.
...BUT WE FOUR DRAGONS ARE LIKE BROTHERS.
YES. IT'S VERY FAINT...
REALLY ?!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S HEAD DOWN THIS MOUNTAIN.
DASH
Convenient?
NOT THAT I'VE EVER MET ANY OF THEM.
WOW! THAT'S SO CONVE-NIENT!
OH!
Hak and Haku sound similar...
THAT REMINDS ME...
HAK, STOP TEASING HIM. HE'S THE WHITE DRAGON.
I'M NOT A WHITE SNAKE!
WHITE SNAKE, WHICH WAY SHOULD WE GO?
*IN JAPANESE, HAKU MEANS "WHITE."
MY NAME ...
ONLY MY PARENTS CALLED ME BY MY NAME.
I NEVER IMAGINED ANYONE ELSE WOULD.
ER...
IT'S NOT ACTUALLY "WHITE DRAGON," IS IT?
HEY, WHITE DRAGON! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
DO YOU MIND IF I USE YOUR NAME?

PLEASE CALL ME... GIJA.
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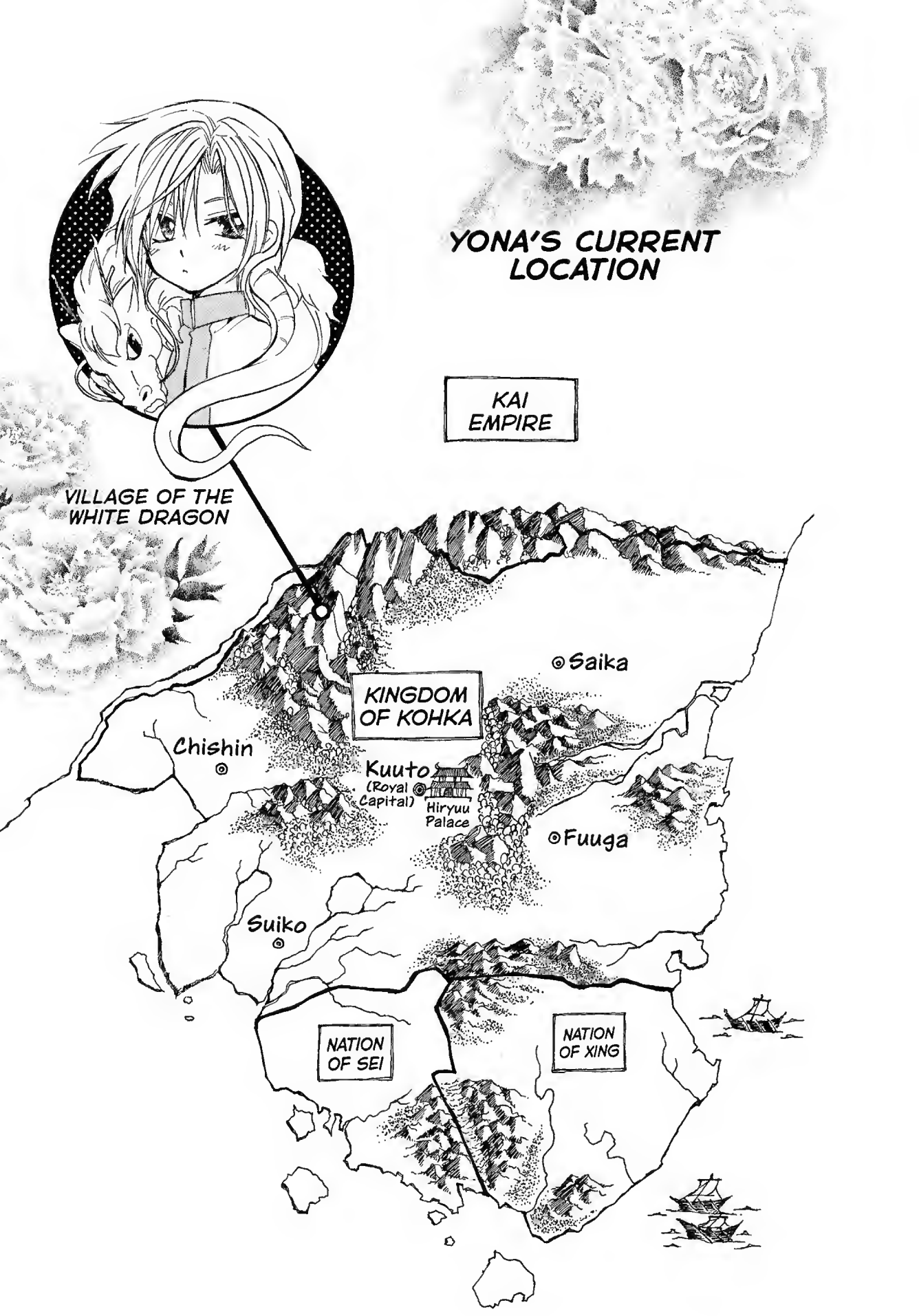
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Suiko
NATION OF SEI
NATION OF XING

POST-VOLUME BONUS STORY!
"DEFEAT LORD HAK!"
TAE-U OF THE WIND TRIBE IS THE BEST POLEARM USER AFTER HAK.
HOW DID HE GET SO STRONG?
HYEONG-DAE, SPAR WITH ME.
I want to beat Lord Hak next time.
NO WAY.
SPARRING WITH YOU IS EXHAUSTING.
I LIVE TO SLACK OFF.
HYEONG-DAE
THE FASTEST MEMBER OF THE WIND TRIBE. ALSO THE MOST EASYGOING.
Besides, you'll never beat Lord Hak no matter what you do!
Why waste your time?
...

AGH!
SWI
SH
FIGHT ME!
LET ME SLACK OFF!
SHUT UP!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! STOP THAT!
SWISH
SWISH
AND THAT'S HOW TAE-U'S POLEARM MOVES BECAME TOO FAST FOR THE EYE TO SEE.
Pillow
I DON'T WANNA BE TRIBE LEADER ...
JUST SO YOU KNOW, IF YOU BEAT ME, YOU'LL BE TRIBE LEADER.
BUT HE WAS STILL NOWHERE NEAR AS GOOD AS THE THUNDER BEAST.
Still wants to win
Still doesn't want to lose

I hope to see you
in volume 4.

Ik-su, age 26
Yun, age 8

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